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PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

According to the definition of the American Library Association the term "public library" is used in a broad sense to include all libraries that give general, free public service, under any form of management and support, though data may be less complete for libraries maintained by associations and clubs. Many school libraries give service to the public, but only those which receive added support from public funds are included in the Statistical Tables.

Of the 45 libraries which are maintained by library associations or clubs 3 are in counties having County library service, 33 are in counties having other public libraries, while in eight cases, the association library is the only library in the county. These figures indicate a realization of the need of library service which might well be directed toward the organization of the county or regional library unit, which is the only way to equalize library opportunity.

Summary of Public Library Statistics, 1934

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds	127
School libraries serving as public libraries (with added support from public funds)	7
Public libraries maintained by associations	45
 Total	179
 Total volumes in public libraries	2,218,297
Total volumes issued in 1934	10,040,805
Total expenditures for public libraries, 1934	\$1,020,731
Population served by public libraries	1,519,756
Population without public library service (40 per cent)	1,044,197
Counties without library service	5

STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1934

Population (1930 Census)	Place	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Borrowers		Circula- tion per Capita	Hours per Week Open for Lending	Receipts		Expenditures			
				Total	Non- resident			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total including Balance	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	
A. L. A. Standard			1 1/2 per cap.									\$1.00	
Over 50,000 pop'n (1st class cities)													
464,356	Minneapolis*	Gratia A. Countryman...	615,759	181,482	39	3,174,335	6.8	72	\$329,180	\$10,820	\$340,000	\$238,627	
271,606	St. Paul*	Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings...	386,733	80,759	29	1,639,199	6	72	149,924	70,296	220,969	130,125	
101,463	Duluth	Jane Morey...	143,758	26,510	26	621,928	6	72	65,911	2,246	68,428	41,714	
10,000-50,000 pop'n			2 per cap.										
10,169	Albert Lea	Elizabeth Dorcas...	7,758	3,749	16	44,915	4.4	69	4,951	95	5,046	2,646	
13,654 ¹	Austin	Mrs. Taeye B. Hines...	14,400	9,002	95	66	117,258	8	72	7,188	7,188	2,306	3,456
10,221	Brainerd	Zita A. Miller...	12,938	5,942	730	58	62,863	6	36	2,335	3,448	840	1,236
12,767	Faribault	Florence D. Love...	19,538	5,338	22	42	99,064	11,177	1,857	16,844	3,033	7,603	12,312
20,011 ²	Hibbing	Nancy J. Venberg...	60,210	11,311	33	56	313,960	15	72	39,000	1,045	41,324	41,320
14,035	Rochester	Mrs. Clara C. Bordwell...	26,047	12,677	36	49	139,406	9	8495	3,394	19,747	1,740	4,023
21,778 ³	St. Cloud	Grace M. Stevens...	27,711	9,701	1,324 ³	44	204,829	10	72	12,200	1,394	19,747	4,583
21,000	South St. Paul*	Alma M. Penrose...	24,564	9,799	1,351	40	151,360	7	72	11,362	543	13,089	6,113
10,009	Virginia	Grace A. Dorival...	14,227	6,155	66	64	64,171	4	54	8,264	469	10,818	2,668
11,963	Winona	Edith A. Rechcigl...	40,030	8,476	64	56	217,939	18	75	24,572	1,001	26,459	6,134
20,850		Jeanette A. Clarke...	43,882	8,607	190	41	157,398	7	69	7,350	783	12,789	1,408
5,000-10,000 pop'n			3 per cap.										
7,202	Bemidji	Mrs. Florence F. Netzer...	7,354	5,350	50	41,105	5.6	42	1,798	281	2,851	1,105	
8,308	Chisholm	Gladys Ecklund...	36,624	3,802	43	157,669	18	72	37,427	500	37,927	12,349	
8,657 ⁴	Cloquet	Maud Grogan...	15,485	3,773	44	97,844	11	54	7,771	457	12,540	1,823	
3,613	Crookston	Lucile Hawkins...	10,879	3,036	356	48	61,852	10	48	3,219	329	3,869	2,175
6,321		Claire Winzenburg...											
6,321		Ely	2,008	1,12	35	33,117	7	24	3,148 ⁵	481	344	2,148	
8,500 ⁶		Elie	2,075	1,623	1,161	66	127,906	15	72	14,670 ⁷	15,185	2,349	14,748
9,380 ⁸		Fairmont	22,075	1,318	3,798	39	36,943 ⁸	9	36	1,100	36	2,278	1,525
5,086		Fergus Falls	16,584	4,400	109	52	75,714	9	66	5,275	481	6,848	1,248
6,001		Hastings ⁹	12,725	1,166	1	21	3,946	12	37 ^{1/2}	6,120	321	7,174	3,322
5,014		International Falls*	24,272	3,784	600	57	126,380	12	64	9,924	321	11,471	2,445
5,014		Barbara Lentz	9,314	3,157	35	63	32,333	6	30	2,316	131	2,498	500
8,500 ¹⁰		Little Falls	12,633	2,779	25	56	68,466	8	48	4,804	456	6,705	2,734
7,654		Moorehead	23,308	4,591	1,281	43	111,848	11,6	72	7,670	637	10,812	2,031
9,629		Owatonna*	15,696	5,550	901	48	114,023	11,8	56	5,150	109	6,137	1,845
7,173		Red Wing	22,158	4,746	2,480	66	60,994	8,5	56	5,150	509	6,936	1,988
6,173		St. Cloud	3,715	3,715	50	54,715	11	36	3,493	247	4,646	420	

*See p. 84 for County Statistics.
†Public library in school. Figures are for community use only.

¹Estimate.
²Includes population of state institutions.
³Includes St. Paul township, served by library bus.
⁴Includes population of environs served.

⁵City also furnishes quarters in city hall.

⁶Includes 1,200 transients.

⁷Report for 8 months.

STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1934—Continued

Population (1930 Census)	Place Census)	Librarian	Volumes in Library	Borrowers		Circula- tion	Circula- tion per Capita	Hours per Week Open for Lending	Receipts		Books Period- icals, Binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total Expenditures	Per Capita
				Total	Non- resident				Public Funds	Other Funds				
A. L. A. Standard														
3,876	2,500-5,000 pop'n		3 per cap.	50		10								\$1.00
3,876	Alexandria.....	Mrs. Margaret A. McCord.	11,629	2,953	408	76	20,676	5	30	1,669	353	2,722	852	.56
4,851	Anoka*.....	Lulu M. Morris.....	6,214	2,337	439	79	29,401	5	36	1,956	82	2,733	899	.43
2,881	Blue Earth.....	Alta M. Cummings.....	7,538	1,893	281	66	21,475	7	36	2,264	18	3,192	603	.80
3,669 ¹	Coldwater.....	Ruth Van Dyke.....	8,223	1,616	951	55	43,340	11	54	5,625	156	7,119	904	.53
3,669 ¹	Crosby.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	6,142	1,917	68	54	20,687	6	12	1,158 [†]	46	2,323	333	.25
3,675	Detroit Lakes.....	Mrs. W. H. McCart.....	8,963	2,900	500	70	18,050	5	30	1,282	212	2,068	561	.40
4,485 ¹	Gilbert.....	Leona A. Olson.....	1,186	961	68	21	21,304	5	48	3,823	37	8,739	1,523	1.91
3,206	Grand Rapids*	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett.....	13,322	3,890	1,983	33	64,868	...	36	4,244	120	4,399	582	.50
3,834	Honkops.....	Mrs. Bloomie Jenkins.....	3,519	1,316	...	33	41,247	10	19	1,063 [†]	...	1,424	356	.36
3,406	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. Sophie P. White.....	8,029	2,950	208	87	25,658	7	36	1,717	88	2,469	780	.36
3,210	Lake City.....	Mrs. Sara W. McIntyre.....	7,714	1,332	38	41	25,623	8	27	1,445	280	2,013	633	.36
2,880	Litchfield*	Mrs. Alice A. Lamb.....	7,325	1,998	707	45	24,419	8	27	1,868	172	2,187	461	.58
2,641	Luverne.....	Mabel Birkeet.....	7,352	1,972	67	70	22,022	8	32	1,087	96	3,798	501	.76
3,250	Marshall.....	Elizabeth L. Rank.....	5,837	1,449	67	44	32,060	10	33	1,946	173	2,756	458	.60
4,319	Montevideo.....	Valborg E. Sverdrup.....	9,171	1,209	...	28	30,376	7	30	1,844	235	2,338	630	.68
2,822	North Mankato.....	Charlotte B. Culp.....	3,512	1,246	48	44	33,432	11	9	4,577 [†]	16	7,779	197	.46
2,915	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. Louise M. McIntyre.....	5,891	2,620	...	30	30,352	11	16 ^{1/2}	1,030	30	1,290	504	.38
4,133	Northfield.....	Anna Nystrum.....	8,569	3,595	88	71	25,948	6	30	1,598 [†]	238	2,727	313	.64
3,489	Pipestone.....	Mrs. Susie J. Boiger.....	7,905	2,216	36	60	30,095	8	36	2,791	193	2,985	895	.35
2,552	Redwood Falls.....	Irene Helland.....	5,320	1,402	15	55	23,788	9	34	1,600	186	3,178	585	.35
2,808	St. James.....	Blanche Shutz.....	3,903	2,729	...	70	12,835	4	33	1,554 [†]	363	1,542	290	.35
4,811 ²	St. Peter.....	Grace Gresham.....	7,333	2,148	89	65	21,382	7	36	1,783	298	2,922	363	.70
2,716	Sauk Center.....	Marnette Lindeloff.....	14,218	1,227	...	47	27,881	10	60	3,080	173	3,830	964	.16
2,576	Sleepy Eye.....	Iyda S. Sasse.....	3,678	1,227	...	47	17,019	6	30	1,703	...	1,871	95	.38
2,667	Staples.....	Carrie Mayer.....	3,160	817	89	25	14,272	4	15 ^{1/2}	3,088 [†]	28	...	145	.45
4,268	Thief River Falls*	Mrs. Hazel Haigrin.....	8,718	3,470	1,369	50	63,648	9	42	4,365	201	4,609	999	.43
4,388	Two Harbors*	Wilmett Besson.....	7,811	2,871	48	65	36,651	8	42	1,579	434	2,332	445	.68
2,512	Wadena.....	Jean P. Stewart.....	4,627	1,154	46	21	21,987	8	20	1,557 [†]	39	2,170	423	.47
2,600	White Bear.....	Ada M. Palmer.....	7,347	1,290	...	49	25,091	9	24	1,880	188	2,223	155	.53
3,878	Worthington.....	Mrs. Florence Humiston.....	5,100	2,050	11	53	28,153	7	30	1,775	94	2,356	1,041	.60

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³Includes cost of furniture and equipment.

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	A. L. A. Standard												\$1.00	
1,000-2,500 pop'n			per cap.	1,335	83	16,216	10	30	346	106	583	407		
1,545	Aitkin	Mrs. Pearl Byerly Baker	5,811	960	80	8,050	5	9	1,713	18	403	205	.34	
1,670	Appleton	Mrs. I. P. Cheney	2,622	669	58	13,213	9	8	2,713	8	3,858	305	.21	
1,463	Aurora	Mrs. C. Acklin	2,943	587	45	7,103	13	4	400†	8	469	120	.86	
1,000	Bayport	Mrs. H. T. Bobb	7,458	485	42	29,082	11	21	1,150	5	1,059	200	.47	
2,095	Benson	Mrs. Alice B. Shank	1,376	420	50	5,038	5	5	3,52†	5	634	140	.50	
1,004	Bird Island	Mrs. James Lynch	8,398	582	25	11,556	5	8	200†	5	200	110	.29	
1,383	Biwabik	Pearl Aldrich	1,820	317	75	9,992	7	7	100†	34	446	85	.07	
2,264	Breckenridge	Helen D. Weaver	4,796	1,816	80	42,145	22	33	8,353	47	539	206	.36	
1,409	Buffalo	Celia Bonquet	14,474	342	66	11,146	9	18	659	55	1,040	390	.34	
1,634	Caledonia	Mrs. C. E. Skorseth	4,125	1,574	603	16,016	9	9	545	213	788	165	.40	
1,554	Canby	Annette Johnson	3,054	1,342	458	72	21,216	11	30	1,513	187	2,005	176	.94
1,738	Chatfield	Elinor Tifford	6,689	1,315	465	44	1,567	1	4	450†	15	465	300	.50
1,351	Cokato	Mrs. Mae Trotter	2,536	503	242	54	6,244	5	30	871	77	1,000	178	.70
1,125	Dawson	Gladys N. Hulbert	1,681	803	131	7,698	7	18	274†	89	378	93	.75	
1,026	Elk River	Mrs. Anna Crowe	4,488	1,904	696	54	20,196	9	9	939	66	1,139	219	.49
2,220	Graceville	Mrs. Frances Eley	6,056	617	47	14,851	11	10	740	111	898	375	.84	
1,314 ^a	Granite Falls	Mrs. K. Proctor	4,072	873	273	45	15,067	7	12	1,024†	42	1,546	410	.60
1,944	Ironon	Mrs. L. Johnson	2,921	803	75	15,859	7	6	1,024†	18	1,936	126	.70	
2,035	Jackson	Eva Harrington	4,497	946	241	43	23,429	10	12	773†	68	1,227	512	.45
1,184	Jassonville	Arena Jensen	2,044	518	132	48	10,355	8	8	761	228	1,743	156	.16
1,019	Kasson	Alma M. Lewis	556	9	55	6,326	6	33	420†	420	401	300	.42	
2,134	Keewatin	Gladys Gunhus	7,351	1,769	49	8,276	2	31/2	500†	10	70	3	.17	
1,382	Kenxton	Mrs. John G. Thomas	680	146	61	6,634	6	15	100†	33	133	83	.16	
1,173	Lake Crystal	Carrie M. Cidwell	739	185	47	7,498	8	8	456†	24	480	141	.174	
1,897	Le Sueur	Marion Lewis	900	367	46	10,705	5	22	3,00†	19	405	92	.23	
1,854	Long Prairie	Mrs. H. R. Borgendale	2,672	1,257	243	65	20,209	11	22	1,515	122	2,175	410	.11
1,916	Madison	Delta H. Erickson	3,999	910	50	8,386	5	30	763†	35	2,644	429	.80	
1,882 ^a	Marble	Margaret Luden	10,522	1,737	72	22,595	9	9	341/2	129	537	1,065	.83	
2,474	Morris	Fannie M. Viitana	12,316	1,168	97	38,889	26	51/2	6,650	24	6,797	804	.49	
1,468	Mountain Iron	Mrs. Noble Coucheron	3,230	1,071	62	17,377	11	14	51/2	93	753	314	.50	
1,475	Olivia	Vivian Hassien	4,803	1,269	4	62	26,319	13	24	639	42	1,302	245	.23
2,017	Ortonville	Mrs. C. Wade	2,624	1,006	142	50	19,511	9	9/2	427	118	746	94	.22
2,081	Parke Rapids	Victoria Gale	2,249	1,016	343	60	5,601	5	10	349†	104	531	150	.22
1,121	Payneville	Mrs. Mary Belsheim	3,760	1,212	281	80	15,117	12	19	706†	49	1,281	250	.33
1,235	Plainview	Mrs. Blanche Horvelson	3,355	1,617	50	8,107	7	30	2,380	129	3,545	728	.33	
1,712	Preston	Mrs. Lulu E. Owens	5,954	1,207	385	50	22,124	11	30	1,184†	18	1,726	600	.108
1,636	Princeton	Emma Crampion	3,832	399	87	35	8,270	7	6	675†	158	1,063	254	.172
1,125	Rushford	Mrs. L. L. Pickert	3,810	935	211	71	13,467	10	20	578†	33	754	132	.90
1,311	St. Charles	Mrs. Anna Schmitz										420	631	.51
1,083	Sandstone	Edna Albro	4,855	1,779	26	89	13,750	8	36	1,361†	54	1,968	517	.39
2,212	Spring Valley	Clara E. Hornbogen	6,898	1,297	40	56	17,804	8	14	884†	86	306	600	.42
1,472	Wabasha	Agnes Grimsrud	6,656	603	41	40	9,983	3	15	130†	174	323	30	.16
1,450	Warren	Mrs. C. Peterson	5,110	590	20	40	9,985	6.5	12	341†	701	290	400	.40
2,123	Waterville	Mrs. Lucy Brown Olson	3,889	1,699	570	84	15,362	9	15	879†	57	1,373	390	.65
2,701	Windom	Florence Damon										78	2,486	.39
1,330	Zumbrota	Charlotte Moström	6,553	1,272	410	51	24,467	18	22	1,333	122	2,486	637	.112

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A. L. A. Standard											\$1.00	
Less than 1,000		per cap.		3	50	10	100 ⁺	45	322	70	154	
822	Baudette	Mrs. H. F. Meyer	279	362	40	36	3,380	3	151	43	146	
750	Blackduck	Mrs. W. A. Cross	1,185	303	27	2,665	3	112	2	157	15	
800	Browerville	Mrs. R. Benis	1,214	204	25	28,735	3	150	800	53	52	
981	Browerville Valley	Lucy Van Tassel	2,716	350	42	5,766	6	15	800	53	247	
687	Carlton	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster	1,683	639	52	7,572	11	6	180 ⁺	24	608	
916	Edgerton	Jennie G. Roelofs	1,691	888	2	1,114	2	14	97	10	105	
634	Fairfax	Esther Heimann	1,691	794	2	1,114	2	14	97	10	105	
585	Grand Marais	Lucy E. Keller	1,904	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
518	Grand Meadow	Mrs. W. R. Peyton	1,567	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
869	Hallie	Mrs. E. C. Borley	1,567	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
763	Herian	Mable S. Clarke	1,567	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
737	Howard Lake	Mrs. Wm. Campbell	1,567	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
661	Kinney	Howard Hendrickson	1,614	302	41	16,362	22	24	2,153 ⁺	22	1,262	
561	Le Roy	Elizabeth Ann Price	3,683	925	529	9,622	10	10	128	449	2,984	
660	Lindstrom	Mrs. A. W. Edmunds	1,874	283	27	4,548	8	5	4 ⁺	449	629	
862	Mapleton	Olive Westrup	1,567	1,567	2	1,847	2	6	244 ⁺	105	113	
507	Maynard	Mrs. Oddny Borcherdt	1,591	538	100	90	6,622	12	6 ⁺	259	313	
918	Minneota	Mrs. H. W. Baker	2,459	712	112	47	7,552	6	200 ⁺	167	157	
924	Monticello	Katherine Tillmans	2,458	712	112	6,382	7	24	305 ⁺	39	395	
541	Newport	Katherine Krenz	3,273	671	312	66	7,900	8	474	39	376	
961	Pine Island	Ella Smith	5,225	1,053	691	63	19,120	12	33	1,950	94	1,212
727	Taylors Falls	Gyla Caulfield	4,333	55	59	5,293	7	6 ⁺	232	20	2,144	
618	Walker	Mrs. Frances F. Murdoch	4,143	224	15	3,529	6	16 ⁺	444	120	634	
		Mrs. J. C. Jewell								81	347	

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Small libraries are operated by library associations or clubs at Annandale, Bagley, Belgrade, Belle Plaine, Broten, Cambridge, Chaska, Claremont, Dennison, Deerwood, Elbow Lake, Farmington, Franklin, Fulda, Glencoe, Hacock, Harmony, Hills, Hinckley, Lambert, Littlefork, Mabel, McGregor, Mahonen, Mantorville, Milaca, Mountain Lake, New York Mills, Nisswa, Northome, Perham, Pine City, Rose Creek, Royalton, Rush City, Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids, Springfield, Stewart, Wahasso, West Concord, Westbrook, Winthrop.

STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1934—Continued

Population (1930 Census)	Place	Librarian	Borrowers		Circula- tion per Capita	Hours per Week Open for Lending	Receipts		Expenditures		
			Volumes in Library	Total Non- resident			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Balance	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Total
A. L. A. Standard			3	per cap.	10	346	106	583	41	407	\$1.00
1,545	Aitkin	Mrs. Pearl Byerly Baker	5,811	1,335	16,216	10	30	346	106	407	.34
1,670	Appleton	Mrs. I. P. Cheney	2,622	960	8,050	5	9	1,784	18	205	.21
1,463	Aurora	Mrs. P. M. Olson	2,943	669	13,214	9	8	2,713	8	505	.86
1,000	Bayport	L. C. Acklin	2,410	455	7,103	13	4	4,007	8	120	.47
2,095	Benson	Nina Brown	7,488	587	29,082	11	21	1,150	5	200	.50
1,004	Bird Island	Mrs. H. T. Robb	1,376	420	5,039	5	5	1,352	5	140	.29
1,383	Biwabik	Mrs. Alice B. Shank	8,938	42	11,556	5	8	2,007	5	200	.29
1,264	Breckenridge	Mrs. James Lynch	1,820	582	25	11,556	5	1007	34	200	.07
1,409	Buffalo	Pearl Aldrich	4,796	1,816	317	75	9,992	7	7	65	.07
1,634	Caledonia	Helen D. Weaver	14,474	3,412	66	80	42,145	22	33	47	.36
1,554	Canby	Celia Bouquet	4,125	1,574	603	61	11,146	7	18	8,353	.34
1,738	Chatfield	Mrs. C. F. Skonseth	3,054	1,342	458	52	16,016	9	15	6,595	.50
1,351	Cokato	Annette Johnson	6,692	3,135	465	72	21,216	11	30	1,513	.16
1,125	Cokato	Elinor Tifford	2,536	903	242	44	1,567	1	4	4,507	.15
1,386	Dawson	Elsie Mae Trotter	4,667	1,976	242	54	6,244	5	30	871	.77
1,026	Elk River	Gladys N. Hulbert	1,681	803	131	80	7,698	7	18	274	.89
2,220	Glencoe	Mrs. Anna Culhes	4,488	1,904	696	54	20,196	9	939	175	.36
1,314 ^a	Graceville	Mrs. Anna Crowe	6,056	617	47	47	14,851	11	10	1,139	.49
1,944	Granite Falls	Mrs. Frances Faley	4,072	873	273	45	15,067	7	12	740	.84
1,033	Ironon	Marlys K. Proctor	2,921	2,403	75	75	15,859	7	6	1,024	.60
2,205	Jackson	Mrs. L. Johnson	4,497	946	241	43	23,429	10	12	1,734	.70
1,184	Jackson	Eva Harrington	3,060	518	132	48	10,355	8	27½	761	.28
1,019	Kasson	Alena Jensen	2,044	536	9	56	6,326	6	33	420	.42
2,134	Keewatin	Alma M. Lewis	7,351	2,503	49	49	8,276	2	3½	500	.10
1,382	Kenyon	Gladys Gunhus	1,769	680	146	61	6,634	6	15	10	.16
1,173	Lake Crystal	Mrs. John G. Thomas	2,038	739	185	47	7,498	4	8	1,040	.30
1,897	Le Sueur	Carrie M. Cudwell	1,683	900	36	36	10,706	5	22	1,382	.23
1,854	Long Prairie	Marion Lewis	2,672	1,257	243	65	21,209	11	3007	19	.224
1,916	Madison	Mrs. H. L. Borgendale	7,031	910	50	8,386	5	30	1,225	11	.11
1,882 ^a	Marble	Delta Erickson	3,999	2,757	423	65	19,511	9	9½	4,744	.50
2,474	Morris	Margaret Luedtke	5,522	1,737	737	72	22,595	9	34½	1,936	.80
1,235	Mountain Iron	Fannie M. Viitala	12,319	1,168	97	79	38,889	26	51½	6,650	.33
1,475	Olivia	Mrs. Noble Concheron	3,230	1,207	385	50	22,124	11	30	1,842	.245
2,017	Ortonville	Vivian Hassell	4,863	1,269	4	62	26,319	13	24	660	.93
2,081	Park Rapids	Mrs. Cora C. Wade	7,246	1,005	142	50	19,511	9	24	639	.42
1,121	Paynesville	Victoria Gale	2,291	1,016	343	60	5,601	5	10½	747	.32
1,235	Plainview	Mrs. Mary Belsham	3,760	1,212	281	80	15,117	12	19	761	.33
2,212	Wabasha	Mrs. Blanche Hovelson	3,355	617	97	79	34½	2,380	35	2,644	.83
1,214	Princeton	Mrs. Lulu E. Owens	5,954	2,407	385	50	22,124	11	30	1,726	.30
1,636	Rushford	Emma Crampton	3,832	1,399	87	35	8,270	7	6	1,063	.49
1,125	St. Charles	Mrs. L. L. Pickert	3,810	935	211	71	13,467	10	20	578	.31
1,083	Sandstone	Mrs. Anna Schmitz	4,855	1,779	26	89	13,750	8	36	1,621	.32
1,712	Spring Valley	Editha Albro	6,896	1,297	40	56	17,804	8	14	884	.39
2,212	Wabasha	Clara H. Hornbogen	6,699	603	20	41	3,932	3	15	306	.42
1,472	Waterville	Agnes Grimes	5,656	590	40	40	9,985	6	12	195	.16
1,450	Waterville	Mrs. C. Peterson	5,110	580	20	40	9,985	6	12	300	.40
2,123	Windom	Mrs. Lucy Brown Olson	3,889	1,699	570	84	15,362	9	15	78	.39
1,701	Winnibago	Florence Damon	3,889	1,272	410	51	24,467	18	22	1,333	.12
1,350	Charlotte Mostrom	Charlotte Mostrom	6,553	1,272	410	51	24,467	18	22	420	.12

^aPublic library in school. Keewatin also maintains a reading room in village hall.

^bCity also furnishes quarters in city hall.

^cPopulation, 1930.

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STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1934—Continued

Population (1930) Census	Place	Librarian	Borrowers		Circulation per Capita	Hours Open per Week for Lending	Receipts		Expenditures				
			Volumes in Library	Non- resident Total			Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Balance including Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries exclusive of janitor	Per Capita		
A. L. A. Standard Less than 1,000													
822	Baudette	Mrs. H. F. Meyer	3	per cap.	50								
822	Baudette	Mrs. H. F. Meyer	279	362	40	36	3,380	3	100 [†]	45	322		
750	Blackduck	Mrs. W. A. Cross	1,185	203	27	25	2,665	3	112	33	70		
800	Brownville	Mrs. Rose R. Benis	1,214	204	9	25	28,735	5 ^{1/2}	150	2	151		
981	Brown Valley	Lucy Van Tassel	2,716	350	42	52	5,766	6	15	800	70		
687	Carlton	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster	1,683	650	333	52	7,572	11	6	180 [†]	53		
627	Edgerton	Jennie G. Roelofs	1,683	650	333	52	7,572	11	6	180 [†]	53		
916	Fairfax	Ester Heinman	1,691	888	734	734	1,114	2	14	97	105		
634	Grand Marais	Lucy E. Keller	1,904	1,904	1,567	1,567	1,847	2	6	244 [†]	135		
585	Grand Meadow	Mrs. W. R. Peyton	1,691	734	734	734	1,847	2	2	135	34		
869	Hallock	Mrs. E. C. Borley	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,518	1,847	2	2	197	48		
763	Howard Lake	Mable S. Clarke	1,614	302	529	41	16,362	22	24	2,153 [†]	22		
737	Kirney	Mrs. Wm. Campbell	1,614	302	529	60	9,622	10	10	128	449		
661	Le Roy	Helen Hendrickson	1,683	923	285	27	4,548	8	5	128	449		
361	Lindstrom	Elizabeth Ann Price	1,874	1,874	285	50	1,114	12	12	128	449		
660	Maple Lake	Mrs. A. W. Edmunds	1,683	1,683	1,683	1,683	1,683	12	12	128	449		
862	Mapleton	Olive Westrup	1,591	538	100	90	6,622	12	6 ^{1/2}	200 [†]	200 [†]		
507	Maynard	Mrs. Oddny Borchert	2,459	712	112	47	7,552	6	24	305 [†]	17		
918	Minnesota	Mrs. H. W. Baker	4,558	712	312	66	6,382	7	6	39	376		
924	Monticello	Katherine Tillmanns	3,273	671	312	66	7,900	8	8	474	114		
541	Newport	Katherine Krenz	3,273	671	312	66	19,120	12	33	94	1,950		
961	Pine Island	Ella Smith	3,225	1,053	691	55	5,293	7	7	2,144	100		
727	Taylors Falls	Gya Caulfield	3,337	433	55	33	3,529	6	6	232	633		
618	Walter	Mrs. Frances F. Murdoch	4,143	224	15	15	16 ^{1/2}	444	120	444	81		
		Mrs. J. C. Jewell											

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[‡]City also furnishes quarters in city hall.

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MINNESOTA COUNTY LIBRARY STATISTICS—1934

County	Contracting Public Library	County Appropriation	Rural ³ Population Served	Rural Borrowers	Distributing Points			County Circulation
					Branches	Deposit Stations	Schools	
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	\$ 300	7,984	439	.....	.....	.....	5,573
Dakota.....	South St. Paul.....	300	3,500	.....	.....	2	65	16,870
Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	25,965 ²	49,595	.....	22	16	80	532,170
Itasca.....	Grand Rapids.....	2,456	15,613	1,983	5	23	91	20,023
Koochiching.....	International Falls.....	2,568 ²	9,042	600	1	.....	23	44,472
Lake ¹	Two Harbors.....	260	2,643	48	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meeker.....	Litchfield.....	200	15,034	707	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennington.....	Thief River Falls.....	865 ²	6,219	1,369	.....	1	25	22,691
Ramsey.....	St. Paul.....	5,785 ²	9,600	3,604	.....	5	30	71,418
Steele.....	Owatonna.....	1,428	10,820	1,281	.....	.....	82	24,005
Washington.....	Stillwater.....	1,200	14,449	7,173	.....	.....	38	16,988

¹Appropriation made in 1934, but full amount not received.

²Includes state aid for school libraries.

³Includes population of all communities without other library service.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

The statistics of county work as given in the above table are also included in the statistics of public libraries, excepting **Hennepin** and **Ramsey** Counties, where the county work is a separate department. In all other cases, the county appropriation is added to the general library budget, and the work is handled by the regular staff, so that the county circulation is included in the public library statistics. Percentages and per capitae in the public library statistical tables are based on city population for purposes of comparison.

"What Farm Women Want," is described by Carroll P. Streeter, in the *FARMER'S WIFE*, February, 1935 in his report of a conference of 300 farm women in Washington, D. C. in November, sponsored by the American Country Life Association. They discussed the things needed by farm communities and how to get them. County libraries were said by farm women who have seen them work, to be the best means of getting good books to farm people. "A county library is the cheapest **public utility** a community can have," as a homemaker from Greenville, South Carolina, expressed it.

Notes from Reports

Anoka County—Our county circulation and demands for county service which we are not in a position to give are increasing rapidly. Teachers in rural schools need more books for carrying out requirements of the new course of study. With the small county appropriation of \$150 for this year, it is impossible to meet this need."

Hennepin County—Eight school districts have contracts for service and turned over state aid amounting to \$911.18. In addition 80 schools were visited once a month besides the

schools in villages which are taken care of by the local branch.

In response to a demand for better service, the deposit station at Rogers has been changed to a small branch. It was opened January 3rd in the Post Office Building, in charge of Mrs. Hazel Scharber.

Itasca County—When CWA help was available, the library was open for rural people from 10 in the morning. This was discontinued January 1st. An intensive library campaign has been carried on this winter through the recreational department of the SERA. A branch has been opened at Cohasset, the village furnishing room, heat and light, the Grand Rapids Public Library the books and the librarian employed through the SERA. The library is open daily except Sunday. Other communities are becoming interested. The Goodland Rehabilitation Colony is also included in this system, and Mrs. Bennett, librarian at Grand Rapids is looking after its needs.

Koochiching County—The county school circulation showed an increase in 1934, very probably due to the fact that CWA workers were employed in the school libraries.

In this county, the service is completely unified through contracts with the county commissioners and the three school districts, including unorganized territory.

Since Christmas, the librarian has been visiting the county schools to give instruction in the use of the library.

Lake County is again added to the list of County libraries, altho the appropriation of \$1500 will not be available until the coming year. This was one of the pioneer county libraries, where service was started in 1911 under Miss Lilly Borresen who tramped the county

with pack and gun, establishing stations in rural schools and section camps. The service was discontinued in 1917, and in later years service has been given to the rural schools from the Two Harbors school library.

Pennington County — Thirty-one rural schools have contracts for service this year, 50 per cent of all those operating. Mrs. Halgrim writes of a busy Saturday afternoon when 14 libraries were exchanged. "All the while an animated conversation was going on. Those teachers were so enthusiastic about the service they were getting and the interest the whole district took in the books, that it was rather thrilling. I hear all about what is going on in the community and about the other workers, until I begin to feel I have quite a family. Rural school teachers as a rule are so serious about their work and have such fine ideals."

Ramsey County — In addition to the 71,418 volumes circulated through the various county stations and the book truck, 32,722 volumes were lent to patients in the City and County Hospital, making the total number of books circulated in Ramsey County 104,140. However, since service in this hospital was developed before the installation of the Ramsey County Library Service, the count of books circulated is still included with that of other hospitals of the city. No record is kept of book circulation at the County Farm or the County Rest Camp.

Ramsey County gives 100 per cent service to rural schools and teachers continue to make more and more use of the County Library Service as do the boys and girls and their parents.

Steele County — Neighborhood libraries have been extended. Cooperation of the county superintendent and home demonstration agent has been gratifying.

Washington County — Total number of libraries checked in and out during the year is 233, containing an average of 40 books, or a total of 9,320. 124 packages were mailed, 146 periodicals issued, and 50 pictures.

Stuntz Township — The Hibbing Public Library through the Township bus, issued 13,922 books in 1934, showing the largest gain of any division of the library. The bus follows a regular schedule, serving 22 communities outside of Hibbing.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Midwinter Meeting

Progress in national and state planning for libraries was the main topic of discussion at the various sessions of the three-day Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association held in Chicago, December 27 to 29.

Federal aid in the form of an annual appropriation of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 for nation-wide library development was endorsed by the A. L. A. Council, the policy-forming body of the Association, and its officers were authorized to take steps toward this objective.

Federal funds, the resolution provided, would be allotted to the states and territories

through such state library agencies as are approved by the federal authority and after the submission and approval of programs for the library development of the state. Fifty per cent of the funds, it stipulated, would be distributed to the states on the basis of population and the other fifty per cent on the basis of need, as determined by adequate studies to be made by the federal and state library agency. The control and administration of library service would remain with states and local units of government, according to the proposed plan, and federal aid would be so administered as to encourage state and local initiative.

Another resolution voted advocated the establishment of a federal library agency either in the Library of Congress or in the offices of education, depending upon either agency's ability to handle its functions, or in some appropriate governmental agency which may result from reorganization of governmental departments.

A protest against tax limitation laws was approved on recommendation of the Committee on Library Revenues. Minimum requirements for teacher-librarian training agencies, drafted by the Board of Education for Librarianship, were adopted in which recognition will be given to a curriculum of one-half year's training for teacher-librarians, but not to less than that. The A. L. A. Committee on Unemployment reported a turn for the better in the fact that data from 31 library schools showed approximately 35 per cent less unemployment among library school graduates in November, 1934, than in July, 1933, and 67 libraries report salary increases or partial or full restoration of salaries between July, 1933, and November, 1934.

Ways of spreading the cost of libraries over larger areas were considered by library trustees attending the Trustees Section. Federal and state aid and a "pegged levy," such as is to be sought in Illinois, were some of the means discussed.

The final session was devoted to progress made by various of the forty-two states actively engaged in evaluating existing library machinery and working toward universal library service with adequate support. Illinois, it was reported, is asking \$1,000,000 for library development and \$600,000 for books over a two-year period. Louisiana is seeking \$2,000,000 in state funds. In the majority of states certification of librarians is being pressed, it was also revealed.

Other sessions were devoted to discussions of the League of Library Commission, the Library Extension Board, normal and teachers college librarians, librarians of large public libraries and university and reference librarians.

A. L. A. Committees

Minnesota members serving on A. L. A. committees, 1934-5 are: Bibliography—Frank K. Walter, University of Minnesota Library; Board on the Library and Adult Education—Subcommittee on Readable books—Glenn M. Lewis, Public Library, Minneapolis; Book Buying—Harold G. Russell, University of Minnesota Library; Cataloging and Classifica-

tion—Amy C. Moon, Public Library, St. Paul; College Library Advisory Board—Mother Antonia, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul (Chairman); Federal Relations—Gratia A. Countryman, Public Library, Minneapolis; Fire Insurance—Edward C. Gale, Public Library, Minneapolis; Hospital Libraries—Mrs. Elva B. Bailey, Public Library, Minneapolis; Institution Libraries—Perrie Jones, State Board of Control, St. Paul; Library Architecture and Building Planning—Edah F. Burnett, Public Library, St. Paul; Library Radio Broadcasting—Isabel McLaughlin, Public Library, Minneapolis; Library Terminology—Amy C. Moon, Public Library, St. Paul; Membership—Celia F. Frost, Public Library, Minneapolis; Florence D. Love, Buckham Memorial Library, Faribault; Nominating—Jane Morey, Public Library, Duluth; Publicity—Ruth Rosholt, Public Library, Minneapolis; Resources of American Libraries—Helen K. Starr, J. J. Hill Reference Library, St. Paul; Salaries and Employment—Clara F. Baldwin, Library Division, State Department of Education, St. Paul; Work with Blind—Mary J. Heenan, State School for Blind, Faribault; Work with Foreign Born—Irma M. Walker, Public Library, Hibbing; Special Membership—Gratia Countryman, Public Library, Minneapolis (Chairman), Clara F. Baldwin, St. Paul.

Amy C. Moon, St. Paul Public Library, is district chairman of the Middle West regional group of the Catalog Section.

Helen K. Starr, Hill Reference Library, is chairman of the Committee on Subject Headings of the Catalog Section.

Myra W. Buell, St. Paul Public Library, is a director of the County Libraries Section.

Ruth Marie Jedermann, Minneapolis Public Library, is secretary of the Art Reference Round Table.

A Message to Library Workers in Minnesota

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Faribault.
Minnesota Member of the
A. L. A. Membership Committee.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Executive Board of the Minnesota Library Association met on December 31st at the Women's City Club in St. Paul. Those present were Irma M. Walker, President, Eleanor Herrmann, Vice-President, Gertrude Glennon, Secretary-Treasurer, Clara F. Baldwin, Director of Public Libraries.

Reports of the American Library Association midwinter meeting in Chicago were given by Miss Baldwin and Miss Walker.

In accordance with the outlines formulated at the Chicago meeting, it was decided that the theme for Minnesota's annual fall meeting would be "Equalizing Library Service." The meeting will be held on October 10-11-12 in St. Paul at the Hotel Lowry. The points to be stressed at this meeting would be state and regional planning, and certification for Minnesota. The business meeting should be held on the second day as voted by the membership at Glenwood. Other suggestions of the convention were a Book Review meeting, a recreation evening with some play by a Little Theatre group, a reminiscence meeting where librarians gave their most interesting experience, and a symposium meeting for book buyers, book sellers and book exhibitors. It was suggested that junior members of the association who have been in the work less than five years hold a dinner meeting.

A new Membership committee was appointed to create more interest and financial support to the Association.

The Board discussed a complete library survey for the State. A sum of not more than fifty dollars was voted to the Publicity committee, and a similar sum was given the Certification committee for current expenses.

Committees

Program Committee

Helen K. Starr, Hill Reference Library, St. Paul, Chairman.

Gertrude Krausnick, State Historical Library, St. Paul.

Harriet Dutcher, Duluth Public Library.

Marion Jansen, Red Wing Public Library.

Exhibits

Ernest L. Johnson, East Lake Branch, Minneapolis Public Library, Chairman.

Edith Recheygl, Virginia Public Library.

Elsie Baker, St. Paul Public Library.

Housing

Eleanor Herrmann, St. Paul Public Library.

Registration

Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater Public Library.
Ester Motz, Arthur Upson Room, U. of Minn. Library.

Mary Radford, South Hibbing Branch, Hibbing Public Library.

Publicity

Perrie Jones, Supervisor Institution Libraries
State Board of Control, St. Paul, Chairman.
Mrs. Jean Christmas, St. Paul Public Library.
Ruth Jedermann, Minneapolis Public Library.
Ethel Berry, Hennepin County Library.

Legislative Committee

Alma Penrose, St. Cloud Public Library, Chairman.
Mrs. Jessie Parsons, School Library, Elk River.
Florence Love, Faribault Public Library.
Margaret Greer, Librarian, Board of Education, Minneapolis.
Beulah Larson, Duluth Teachers College, Duluth.

Membership Committee

(A new committee appointed by the Executive Board at meeting December 31, 1934.)
Ruth Hall, Minneapolis Public Library, Chairman.
Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater, ex officio.
Adelaide Rood, Sumner Branch, Minneapolis Public Library.
Mrs. T. B. Hines, Austin Public Library.
Mrs. Cassa B. Sernes, Glenwood Public Library.

Legislative Committee

On recommendation of the State Library Planning Committee at the Glenwood meeting, it was voted that a Legislative Committee be appointed to draft a bill providing for certification of public and school librarians and see that it is introduced in the next legislative session. A full meeting of the Committee was held on January 11th, and rough drafts of the bills were drawn. These were presented to the State Library Planning Committee on the following day for further discussion. The bills were drawn by a member of the staff of the Attorney General's office, and have been introduced in the House. House File 470 provides for certification of librarians in public libraries and authorizes the State Board of Education to set standards of service and issue certificates. The law is not retroactive, does not apply to librarians holding only part-time positions, and would not be effective until July 1, 1936. House File 472 amends the Teachers Certification law to include school librarians. The former certification law included school librarians from 1925-1929, and a satisfactory scheme of certification was worked out. This bill is therefore merely a corrective measure.

The laws are designed to raise the standard of library service and serve as a protection to all librarians, library and school boards, the public and young librarians just entering the profession.

Seven states now have certification for public libraries, besides five others which have voluntary plans set up by the state library associations. Seven states have legislation pending at the present time. Eighteen states now have certification for school librarians. The State Library Planning Committee recommended certification as the first objective for Minnesota and the interest and support of libraries concerned is needed to carry through this legislation.

ALMA M. PENROSE,
Chairman.

Publicity Committee

In accordance with a decision of the M. L. A. at its Glenwood meeting, a Publicity Committee has been appointed and fifty dollars allocated to it for hiring a professional publicist to prepare material for the newspapers.

Mrs. J. O. Meyers of St. Paul has been engaged and is preparing a series of feature stories on various aspects of library service to be run in the Sunday papers of the Twin Cities and in the local papers of some twenty-five cities throughout the state. Two of these stories have already appeared, the first on the state-wide P.W.A. Puppet Project, which became in certain cities very largely a library activity, and the Traveling Libraries of the State Library Division. Others will follow as nearly as possible on successive Sundays for the next four or five weeks and will correlate as nearly as possible with the efforts to introduce the Certification Bill. This constitutes the first half of the committee's plan. The second half of the program will be newspaper publicity immediately preceding and during the annual meeting.

It must be realized that no state-wide publicity can result without the factual material from which to write the stories and for this we are dependent absolutely upon you and you. Please help. This is not for us but for the Profession, Libraries and Librarians. Let's pull together.

PERRIE JONES,
Chairman.

Membership Committee

To help support the professional organizations connected with our own field of work has always proved to be a privilege and an opportunity. Concerted effort to support the American Library Association during the years of its growth has proved to be a privilege from which we have gathered rich rewards. Our Minnesota librarians have been loyal in their support of A. L. A.—sometimes to the point of 100% membership in their libraries. We have been loyal to our national organization because we have realized its value, we have been convinced of what it was doing for librarianship throughout our country.

Within our own state we have the Minnesota Library Association. Since its organization it has stood for the best in library development in Minnesota. It has given us the opportunity of united and cooperative planning and betterment of library conditions in our own state and our own communities. It is just now working with concentrated effort on State library certification, a move for the permanent betterment of every librarian in Minnesota. Perhaps because it has been working quietly, we have not been conscious of its constant effort in our behalf.

This year it is our privilege and opportunity to give it the loyal, every member support that it needs—to give it a 100% backing in the plans that it is working to carry through. It needs the younger librarians just starting in their profession, as well as the well established li-

brarians. It needs the librarians from the smallest to the largest libraries.

M. L. A. is a help to every one of us. We may all be a help to M. L. A. Let us join its ranks without delay. Miss Gertrude Glennon, Stillwater, Minnesota, will be pleased to receive your membership dues (\$1.00) now.

RUTH M. HALL,
Chairman.

TWIN CITY LIBRARY CLUB

The winter meeting of the Twin City Library Club was held December 11, at the Y. W. C. A. in Minneapolis with eighty members present. Miss Hutchinson presided.

Following the dinner, Eunice McCart, a student in the Library School at the University, and her accompanist, Elizabeth Fiegel, gave three delightful songs.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. The treasurer reported a balance of \$41.75.

Miss Baldwin spoke about the bill for Certification of librarians which has been introduced at the present session of the legislature.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Helen Rugg, chairman, as follows:—

President—Mrs. J. T. Jennings.

Vice-President—Margaret Greer.

Secretary-Treasurer—Irma Kuesel.

Charles E. Butler, assistant to Secretary Milam at A. L. A. headquarters, was a guest at the dinner and spoke a few words of greeting.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Darragh Aldrich, well known Minneapolis writer, who gave a delightfully clever talk which she called Vivisection of the Writer.

KATHARINE YERXA,
Secretary.

LIBRARY ROUND TABLES

Austin, November 22

About 25 librarians and trustees from Southeastern Minnesota met in the new children's room of the Austin Carnegie Library on November 22. After the many attractive features of the room had been duly admired, the group was called to order by Miss Baldwin, and responded to roll-call by describing their library hobbies. These showed a wide variety of interest from collecting pamphlets and clippings to making a dollar go as far as possible. Other topics were Leisure Time Reading, Adult Education, Publicity and Care and Filing of Pamphlets and Pictures.

Luncheon was served at the Y. W. C. A. by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, when the number present was increased to 40, by a fine representation from the Austin library board and friends of the library.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Hines, librarian at Austin welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers for the afternoon. Mrs. Margaret Z. Beaulieu sang two of her own compositions, and Mrs. Gertrude E. Skinner gave a delightful reading of Two Passengers for Chelsea by Oscar Firkins.

Maud van Buren of Owatonna led the discussion on Projects and Ideas on Library Planning, and librarians present reported on Books I Have Read.

Albert Lea, Fairmont, Faribault, Grand Meadow, Myrtle, Owatonna, Preston, Rose Creek, South St. Paul and the Library Division were represented at the meeting.

Fairmont, April 26

A round table meeting for librarians in Southern Minnesota will be held in Fairmont, April 26th.

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The Lake Region Library Club will meet in Brainerd, June 14-15, according to tentative plans announced by Zita Miller, vice-president and hostess librarian. Headquarters will be at the New Brainerd Hotel.

Rates: Single, \$1.25-\$1.50; Double, \$2.00-\$2.50; Single, with bath, \$2.00-\$2.50; Double with bath, \$3.50-\$5.00.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DIVISION OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Summer Library Courses

Courses in Elementary Classification and Elementary Cataloging will be given by Miss Hutchinson, and Elementary Reference by Alma M. Penrose, librarian St. Cloud Public Library, in the first half of the Summer Session.

There was insufficient advance registration for any advanced courses to be offered.

Appointments

Addison, Ella, 1934, high school librarian, Fargo, N. D.

Chapman, Louise, 1932, has published a series of six articles on "The First Fifty Years of Music in Minneapolis," in the Sunday Minneapolis Tribune, January 20-February 24, 1935.

Deuser, Elizabeth, 1930, substituted in Franklin Junior High School library Mankato, following the death of Harriet Van Buren Dugan.

Emery, Mae, 1934, is doing part-time work in the Hibbing Public Library.

Fish, Marjorie, 1934, is employed at Farmer-Labor headquarters in the educational program.

Heikkila, Aili, 1932, is engaged in relief work under the SERA in Pine County.

Nichols, Rachel, 1934, is doing clerical work in the Credit department of the Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company.

Perra, Elaine, 1932, is catalog typist in the Minnesota Historical Society library.

Rapaport, Golde, 1934, succeeds Miss Schwartz as librarian in the Adult Education Department of the Minneapolis Board of Education.

Schwartz, Jeannette B., 1934, is engaged in social service work in Minneapolis.

Swanson, Mrs. Grace B., 1932, is librarian at Bremer School Station, Minneapolis.

Todd, Helen, 1932, is teaching at Randalia, Iowa.

Alumni Association Midwinter Meeting—1935

The Midwinter meeting of the University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction Alumni Association was held at the Tent, Dayton's Campus store, in Minneapolis, on February 19, 1935. There were 45 Alumni present.

Miss Hall, the President, opened the meeting by calling attention to the work and development of the Association since its organization, and made a plea for suggestions and discussion from the floor.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Annual meeting of June, 1934.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$53.03, with 60 regular and 12 junior memberships paid to date.

The Secretary reported on her work of writing to other Alumni Associations for the purpose of exchanging publications.

The report of the Professional Committee was read by Miss Herrmann in the absence of the Chairman, Miss Jedermann. The report outlined the work of the Committee in preparing the Certification Bills, and stated that the bills had been introduced in the Legislature. Copies of the bills were presented to the meeting.

Mr. Williams read a letter from Mr. Walter which touched upon the Unemployment situation, commended the Association for its work on the Certification Bill, and emphasized the value to the Library School of the questionnaire sent to Alumni by the Association.

Mrs. Havens, Membership Chairman, reported on the results of this questionnaire. The report stated that of the 89 responses received, 75 Alumni were employed, 65 of these in Library work.

Miss Thornton, Social Chairman, read a few of the hobbies and avocations disclosed by the questionnaire.

The report of the Publication Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, Miss Rapaport, was read by Miss Hager.

A count of members present revealed the class of 1931 still holding the Attendance record, with 11 at the meeting.

Following the business meeting, an entertaining skit was put on by the officers of the Folwell Club. Miss Thornton, in charge of arrangements, had provided old-time songs, in which all participated.

ELINOR DONOHUE,
Secretary.

Folwell Club

The Folwell club for the year 1934-35 organized December 13. Officers, elected at that time, include: Anne Crosby, president; Janet Poore, vice-president; Louise Geyer, secretary; and Norma Hage, treasurer.

This fall, November 22, the Folwell club entertained Christopher Morley at tea. Needless to say, every person present felt the dynamic impact of a personality the whole world loves and laughs with.

Just before Christmas the girls entertained at tea, a festive green and red occasion, not at all suggestive of the oncoming exams. Miss Hutchinson installed the new officers.

In January the club met at the Social Service library in the Citizen's Aid building for dinner. Miss Witchie, the librarian, explained the routine and the work of her library with such vivid enthusiasm every future librarian present swore that social service must be her life's goal.

February 14, and Valentine's day, meant another tea, with messages for everyone from Cupid in a big heart box.

The committees are made up of the following students: Social committee, Marian Playman, chairman, Constance Sunde, Beatrice Bowman, Mr. Castell, Pauline Cook; Program committee, Norma Hage, chairman, Gudrun Hertzgaard, Margaret Hughes, Ethelyn Miller, Myrtle Cox; Welfare committee, Ann O'Connor, chairman, Jane Gamble, Harriet Johnson; Pin committee, Mr. McDonough, Anita Hofer, Dorothy Ford.

LOUISE GEYER,
Secretary.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE LIBRARY SCHOOL

Lectures

November 15th. Sister Anne, Director of the Preschool-Kindergarten Education of The College of St. Catherine, spoke to the Children's Literature class on "Children's Reading Interests."

November 25th. Miss Wallace, former Dean of Women at the University of Chicago, gave a most entertaining lecture on South America as known by her in her childhood days and as recalled by a recent revisit.

November 26th. The Library School students and others interested attended the lecture by Miss Gratia Countryman on "Library Work as a Profession" given for the Women's Occupational Bureau at the Minneapolis Auditorium.

November 30th. The Children's Literature class visited the Book Fair and the Children's Room at the St. Paul Public Library.

January 17th. The Reference Class was well introduced to Beilstein's *Handbuch der Organischen Chemie* by Sister James Agnes of the Home Economics Department of the College.

January 25th. Dr. William O'Brien, Pathologist and Associate Professor of Medicine of the University of Minnesota spoke on the "Health of the College Student."

Publicity Exhibits, January 28th to March 4th

For the purpose of cooperation, publicity, and practice work, the students of the Library School have planned a series of displays for the Catholic Action Program of the College, the first of which was arranged for the week of January twenty-eighth. The central background carried a large printed poster, "With Brains, Sir" informing readers that the C. S. C. Library could supply them with material for Catholic Action.

The main theme of this particular display was "Catholic Action in the Home". It was carried out by several small posters, calling attention to various phases, as Catholic literature

in the home, marriage, radio, remailing, stamp-collecting and approved movies. Selected books and magazine articles were interspersed, and the Catholic Periodical Index was given prominence as an outstanding reference tool for Catholic Action. A type-written bibliography showing some of the resources of the Library completed the exhibit.

The second of the series, *The Lay Apostolate at Work in the Sanctuary*, was displayed February fourth to the eleventh. A small altar, adorned with linens and supplied with all necessary accessories for the celebrating of Mass, was the central feature. A large project giving all types and colors of vestments was of special value. Books of liturgy, as well as books, periodicals and pamphlets explaining the care of the altar and its linens, the Daily Missal and the Ordo, the Catholic Periodical Index, and posters were considered essential features in this display.

The weeks beginning February eleventh and twenty-fifth will be devoted respectively to Catholic Art and Catholic Literature.

Meetings

At the mid-winter meetings of the Catholic Library Association, the American Library Association, the Association of American Library Schools, St. Catherine's was represented by Mother Antonia, Sister Marie Jose, Sister Cecil, and Sister Marie Cecilia.

Positions

Helen Lally, 1932, accepted a position January second at Holy Cross College Library, Worcester, Massachusetts, as cataloger.

Marguerite Doran, 1932, accepted the position of law librarian of Yakima County Law Library January, 1935.

Katherine Lee, 1933, is temporarily with the National Resources Board of the South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

Sheila Ward who was a part time student in the Library School the year of her graduation is acting librarian at the Harding High School, St. Paul.

Lulu Solomon, 1932, is to assist in organizing a library at Farrell, Pennsylvania.

Bernice Carroll, 1929, assistant cataloger at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, since 1929, has been made head of the department.

SISTER MARIE CECILIA,
Director.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Non-Fiction

Stewart, Powell and others. A goodly company. American Book Co., 1934, 2.00. 028

This contains brief reviews of some 300 novels, essays, biographies, plays and short stories ordinarily read by college freshmen. Librarians can use it as a stimulus to reading and appreciation, done in a modern way, for themselves and their patrons.

Smith, Cecil Daniel. Administering the young people's department of the local church. Pilgrim Press, 1934, .85. 260

The needs, interests and capabilities of young people, from eighteen to twenty-three years of age, are considered by a person of experience. Should be useful in many small library collections.

Gavian, Ruth Wood. Our changing social order. Heath, 1934, 1.80. 301

This consideration of the development of culture, how it shapes the individual and how the individual adjusts to it, shows the high school student and others how to use in his own daily life some of the principles of sociology and psychology. In addition sixteen key social problems are discussed, with emphasis on realistic thinking and skeptical reading. A modern approach to sociology.

United States. Foreign and domestic commerce, Bureau of. Statistical abstract of the United States, 1934. Supt. of documents, Washington, D. C., 1934, 1.50. 317

All libraries will use this volume often. It is a necessity.

Corsi, Edward. In the shadow of liberty. Macmillan, 1935, 3.50. 325

The chronicle of Ellis Island is told by one who passed its gates as an immigrant child and as a man became its Commissioner. It is readable, informative and will be of interest to the general public.

Hacker, Louis Morton. Short history of the new deal. Crofts, 1934, 1.75 (paper, .80). 330.9

Here is a brief, compact and critical survey of events since March, 1933, which is considered the best general summary.

Bogert, George Gleason. Introduction to business law. Ginn, 1934, 1.60. 347

Libraries which need such material can use this simple text which is valuable for its many examples drawn from everyday life.

Hartsough, Mildred Lucile. From canoe to steel barge on the upper Mississippi. University of Minnesota Press, 1934, 3.50. 386

"Informative and interesting history of the rise, decline and recent revival of navigation on the upper river." There are many anecdotes of old-time steamboat pilots. This has a special interest in Minnesota libraries.

Davis, Watson, ed. The advance of science. Doubleday, 1934, 3.50. 504

Physical, natural and social scientific events of the last two years are presented for the layman by the Science Service staff. "New words in science" is a most helpful list included.

Jeans, Sir James Hopwood. Through space and time. Macmillan, 1934, 3.00. 520

"A popular book of endless fascination," which is a simple and understandable presentation of prehistoric life, the earth, air, solar system and recent scientific discoveries.

Knight, Charles Robert. Before the dawn of history. McGraw, 1935, 2.50. 570
Considered the "scientific picture book of the year," this gives panoramic views of prehistoric animals and men with accompanying pages of text. For both children and adults.

Maule, Frances. She strives to conquer business behavior, opportunities and job requirements for women. Funk, 1934, 2.00. 607
This guide to conduct in the business world contains pertinent advice for women wherever or whenever employed. The "Emily Post" of the business world. All libraries may not class it here.

Sherman, Henry Clapp. Food and health. Macmillan, 1934, 2.50. 613.2
The modern relation of the two is presented simply and concisely that the reader may make an intelligent selection and use of foods in business and social life.

Phillips, Mary C. Skin deep, the truth about beauty aids—safe and harmful. Vanguard, 1934, 2.00. 646
A companion volume to 100,000,000 Guinea Pigs, based on findings of Consumers' Research, this will enlighten all women however independent of the powder puff.

Art in America from 1600 to 1865; an illustrated guide for a national radio broadcast from February to May, 1934. University of Chicago Press, 1934, 1.00 (paper). 759.1
Sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago and the Metropolitan Museum of New York, this is a necessarily compact survey of the period, with an "impressive number of less familiar painters of colonial days," together with short biographical sketches, and 80 black-and-white reproductions in addition to 8 in color. This will be used with the title next in the list.

Cahill, Halger, ed. Art in America in modern times. Reynal, 1934, 1.50 (paper, 1.00). 759.1
From 1865 to 1934, painting, sculpture, architecture, stage design and photography are briefly considered, with 150 reproductions in black and white and 9 in color. This and the preceding title are inexpensive and useful purchases for the small library collection.

Ewen, David. Composers of today. Wilson, 1934, 4.50. 780
Some 200 names are included in this comprehensive biographical and critical guide to modern composers of all nations, in a volume similar to Living Authors. Small libraries will buy where there is a general musical interest in the community.

O'Connell, Charles. The Victor book of the symphony. Simon, 1934, 3.50. 780
The best loved and most often heard symphonies, both standard and contemporary, are here more simply described than is often the case. Biographical sketches are given, or-chestral instruments are illustrated, and the portraits of leading conductors, including Eugene Ormandy, are given. Will be very helpful to the average listener.

Lampland, Ruth, ed. Hobbies for everybody. Harper, 1934, 3.00. 790
Fifty contributors suggest hobbies, which occasionally seem misnamed. Helpful for club and camp leaders, librarians and recreational leaders.

Clark, Thomas Curtis, comp. One hundred poems of peace; an anthology. Willett, 1934, 1.25. 808.81
Some are old, some new and many not readily accessible elsewhere. A good collection.

Schilohin, Mrs. Mary Colgrove, comp. Minnesota verse. Times Publishing Co., St. Cloud, Minn., 1934, 2.50. 811.08
All Minnesota libraries will add this volume to their growing shelf of local material.

Eastman, Fred. Plays of American life. French, 1934, 1.50. 812.08
Eight one-act plays and one three-act play, for amateur production, portray some social conflict characteristic of American life.

Cordell, William H., ed. Melders of American thought, 1933-1934. Doubleday, 1934, 2.50 (text ed., 1.00). 814.08
Twenty articles from recent magazines show that such essays actively shape current thought and action. This is a very good collection for the small library which may not subscribe to many magazines.

Swinnerton, Frank Arthur. The Georgian scene; a literary panorama. Farrar, 1934, 3.50. 820.9
More than seventy English writers of the last twenty-five years are viewed, in his own way, with many anecdotes which numerous readers will find delightful and illuminating reading.

Horrabin, James Francis. Atlas of current affairs. Knopf, 1934, 1.50. 912
Very simple sketch maps, which leave out unnecessary detail to clarify world political, racial and economic changes, make a decidedly useable volume.

Quennell, Marjorie and Quennell, C. H. B. A history of everyday things in England: The age of production, 1851-1934. Scribner, 1935, 2.50. 914.2
Most librarians are familiar with the three preceding volumes of this very good series, which is especially notable for the inclusion of so many illustrations and photographs.

Chamberlin, William Henry. Russia's iron age. Little, 1934, 4.00. 914.7
Twelve years in Russia have brought an authority to this view of that country's policies. Supplements his Soviet Russia.

Owen, Russell. South of the sun. Day, 1934, 2.50. 919.9
Where library patrons are still interested in the Byrd expeditions, they will borrow this newspaper man's inside account, not of the scientific work, but of the men's life on ship and in camp. Older boys will enjoy this, too.

Sheean, Vincent. Personal history. Doubleday, 1935, 3.00. 921

The romantic and adventurous life of an intelligent young news correspondent, who seeks to relate himself to the world events of which he has been a keen observer in Europe, Morocco, China and Russia, has an unusual appeal to both young and mature readers. An important book.

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. The Chinese, their history and culture; 2nd ed., rev. 2v in 1. Macmillan, 1934, 5.00. 951

Published in 1934 in two volumes at 7.50, this reliable and comprehensive study of the Chinese is now available for smaller libraries which need more substantial information than books of travel.

Strode, Hudson. The pageant of Cuba. Smith, 1934, 3.00. 972

This popular history of Cuba receives good reviews for its balance, fair-mindedness and temperance.

Fiction

Aldrich, Darragh. Red headed school ma'am. Penn, 1935, 2.00.

Mystery and romance in Minnesota's north woods, by a Minnesota author.

Ashton, Helen, pseud. A hornet's nest. Macmillan, 1935, 2.50.

The author of Dr. Serocold writes another story of doctors, nurses, a hospital—and a patient who was not important but whose appendix was.

Bazin, René. The king of the archers. Macmillan, 1934, 2.00.

A brief, family picture of the simple French weavers of Roubaix today. The richness of their past reflected in the customs of their present life forms an unusual and pleasing novel of impressive sincerity. Young people should like this.

Boyd, Marion. Murder in the stacks. Lothrop, 1934, 2.00.

The stacks are in a college library. "The devious goings on in the faculty and student body are capitally described."

Buck, Mrs. Pearl Sydenstricker. A house divided. Reynal, 1935, 2.50.

The third volume of Mrs. Buck's trilogy, which describes present-day China, is not quite so well received. The three volumes are to be published in March in a one-volume edition, at 3.75, called House of earth.

Carter, Isabel Hoperstill. Shipmates. Scott, 1934, 2.50.

A tale of the seafaring women of New England which will be enjoyed by many library patrons, including young people.

Castro, Ferreira de. Jungle. Viking, 1935, 2.50.

This is a novel for adults. It presents the life of rubber-tappers in the Brazilian jungle and the unbearable conditions under which they must work. Notable for its locale, apparently autobiographically described.

Sayers, Dorothy Leigh. Nine tailors. Harcourt, 1934, 2.00.

A detective story of distinctive and unusual type—of English bell-ringers—which is considered a high point in this kind of fiction.

Tarkington, Booth. Little Orvie. Doubleday, 1934, 2.50.

Followers of Tarkington will read these "misadventures of Orvie, age eight, a child of few charms and little popularity." Six reviewers endorse it unreservedly.

Werfel, Franz V. The forty days of Musa Dagh. Viking, 1934, 3.00.

Another novel for adults. It is a long, impressive chronicle of the attempts by the Turks, during the War, to exterminate the Armenian people.

Willie, Mrs. Honoré McCue. Yonder sails the Mayflower. Morrow, 1934, 2.50.

Many people will appreciate this re-creation of their last weeks, spent in England, before the Pilgrims sailed for America.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

The demand for package and traveling libraries has been greater this winter than ever. January, 1935 brought over 300 more requests for package libraries than January, 1934, which meant sending out nearly 700 more books, 500 pamphlets, clippings, etc. All traveling libraries for rural schools, graded and high school, are out, with new traveling library stations writing for more books each week. Special groups are being assembled from broken sets that no requests for books may go unanswered. In 1932, 2250 new books were added to traveling library collections; in 1934, only 375 new books were purchased because of our reduced budget.

Moose Lake, which lost its library collection when its school building burned, is being supplied with an emergency collection of books from broken traveling library sets that its students may have something to read and refer to until their library is restored.

We continue to send books to camps for transients and the CCC men—general collections for recreational reading and special books to their educational advisers for class use. Teachers of adult education classes are borrowing many books, also.

The additional services of three SERA workers, have made it possible to take care of these increased demands for books.

Librarians can greatly facilitate the work of the reference librarian if they will list their requests clearly and definitely and in authoritative form when possible. We receive cards and letters which are often very crowded and in paragraph form. These take a good deal of additional time to arrange and the possibility of error and omission is much greater.

The March number of the National Geographic Magazine is devoted to Minnesota. All

libraries should have this special edition. Single copies are fifty cents from the National Geographic Society, Hubbard Memorial Hall, Washington, D. C.

There are a few new lists of books in the open shelf—a new poetry list, several on history and an annotated list of books added during 1934.

Among the new books added to the open shelf, which may be borrowed as package libraries are the following:

Non-Fiction

Adams. America's tragedy.
Aiken. New plan of English grammar.
Atkins. Economic problems of the New Deal.
Beard. Idea of national interest.
Benchley. From bed to worse.
Bennett. Practical everyday chemistry.
Branch. Sentimental years: 1836-1860.
Brooke. English costume of the 17th century.
Bruce. American parties and politics.
Buchan. Oliver Cromwell.
Canby. Age of confidence.
Charpentier. Life à la Henri.
Cleeton. Executive ability.
Cole. Guide to modern politics.
Dennett. Mother's guide when sickness comes.
Dennis. Living together in the family.
Dorfman. Thorstein Veblen and his America.
Dressler. My own story.
Earp. Van Gogh.
Elliott. Social disorganization.
Ellwood. Social problems.
Fairchild. Economics.
Flugel. A hundred years of psychology, 1833-1933.
Fosdick. Secret of victorious living.
Gillette. Current social problems.
Goodrich. Mr. Grant.
Gray. Manual for teachers of adult elementary students.
Gruenberg. Parents, children and money.
Haldane. The Scotland of our fathers.
Hambidge. Your meals and your money.
Hansen. Program for unemployment insurance and relief in the U. S.
Heaton. British way to recovery.
Hill. Control of tax-supported higher education in the U. S.
Howe. World diary, 1929-1934.
Hutchins. Women who work.
Johnson. Negro Americans, what now?
Johnston. Education for democracy.
Judd. Education and social progress.
Kaufman. Mendelssohn, "a second Elijah."
Kenyon. Healthy babies are happy babies.
Krofta. Short history of Czechoslovakia.
Laidler. Road ahead.
Lawrence. Not I, but the wind.
Lawrence. Beyond the New Deal.
Lichtenstein. Can attitudes be taught?
McKinney. Discovering music.
Mather. Modern painting.
Michaud. Modern thought and literature in France.
Millay. Wine from these grapes.
Morgan. Keeping a sound mind.
Morton. In the footsteps of the Master.
Mowbray. Insurance.
Myers. Modern family.
Nijinsky. Nijinsky.

Ogg. European governments and polities.

Parker. Wanderer's circle.

Scouller. Women who man our clubs.

Semeonoff. New Russian grammar.

Stephenson. History of the American people.

Sutherland. A time to keep.

Sutherland. Principles of criminology.

Towne. Social problems.

Wells. Experiment in autobiography.

Wicks. Reason for living.

Wellman. Death on the prairie.

Winther. Eugene O'Neill; a critical study.

Woolcott. While Rome burns.

Young. Introduction to sociology.

Zweig. Erasmus of Rotterdam.

Fiction

Hope. Calm yourself.

Hull. Morning shows the day.

Knittel. Via Mala.

Osteno. White reef.

Prichard. Old farm.

Roberts. Gone rustic.

Ross. Highland twilight.

Salten. Florian.

Stone. Cold journey.

Strong. Corporal tune.

Yeates. Winged victory.

MILDRED L. METHVEN,
Librarian.

LIBRARY AIDS

Standard Catalog for Public Libraries, 1934

Most public libraries should buy this volume if it is at all possible. It is an outstanding achievement as a book selection aid and a remarkable work for its annotation, analysed entries and dictionary index of some 600 pages. It will be a daily guide in book selection and purchase with its valuable advice about editions, prices and scope of each book and will be useful for a number of years. Books recommended for first purchase for the smallest libraries are double-starred. Fiction will be in another volume, to be published later. Write to the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York City, for the price to your library.

We urge again that librarians subscribe to SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS BULLETIN. The October number was devoted to the evaluation of dictionaries, the current number to recent editions of encyclopedias for children. This is essential information for all schools and libraries to possess. The BULLETIN is a quarterly, obtainable from the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, at \$1.00 per year.

Another exceedingly useful publication is the WILSON BULLETIN which is full of valuable book and library information. Until recently it has been sent free to libraries but the demand became so great that the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York City, now makes the modest charge of fifty cents per year, or a three-year subscription will be sent for \$1.00. Every public library should subscribe.

PERSONAL

Gratia A. Countryman, librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, as past president of the A. L. A. has been designated an official delegate from the American Library Association to the Second International Congress of Libraries and Bibliography, to be held in Madrid, Spain, May 20 to 29, and has been invited to take part in the program. Miss Countryman sails for Spain May 8. Mrs. Bailey and Miss Jordan of the Minneapolis staff, and Miss Baldwin of the Library Division are planning to accompany her.

Frank K. Walter spoke on The Community's Library at the January meeting of the Library Council of the Hamline Branch, St. Paul. He also gave a talk on Magazines and Magazine Readers at a meeting of the Minneapolis Professional Men's Club in February.

Alice Blair, Michigan University Library School, has been appointed librarian at Nokomis Junior High branch, succeeding Alice Foster Scott, who was transferred to the new branch at Folwell. Evelyn Osborn succeeds Mrs. Van Konynenburg at Lincoln, Jr. branch, and Olea Solheim, formerly at Bremer School Station, is transferred to Franklin, Jr. branch.

Blanche Shutz has been appointed librarian at St. James, succeeding Mrs. V. A. Malmrose, who was elected County Superintendent of schools.

Anena Jensen has been elected librarian at Kasson in place of Ida Cornell.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Anna M. Buckham, donor of the Buckham Memorial Library, Faribault, died on February 27, following a heart attack. Although in her 97th year, Mrs. Buckham was mentally alert and an interesting and stimulating companion to her friends of all ages.

Mrs. Harriet Van Buren Dugan, Mankato, died of pneumonia on January 16. Mrs. Dugan came to Mankato in 1922 as first assistant in the public library in charge of work with schools. She became librarian two years later, and continued in that position until her marriage in 1926. This winter she substituted in the Franklin Junior High School during the absence of Miss Fulton.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

New Libraries

Claremont—A public library sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Friday Study Club was opened in November in the Legion hall. It has been well used both by the country and town people.

Elbow Lake—The library now contains about 900 books, and its use is growing rapidly, issuing 222 books one day in January.

Hinckley—The permanent organization of the Hinckley Library Association has been completed and the library will be open one afternoon a week, in charge of Mary Sexton, an Adult education worker in Pine County.

Johnson—A public library, maintained by the P. T. A. started with an individual gift of 150 books, augmented by other contributions. It is open twice a week in the store of the Johnson Mercantile Co.

Nisswa—A public library sponsored by the P. T. A. is housed in the school house, the board furnishing light and fuel one evening a week. A library of 300 v. has been collected, which is supplemented by traveling libraries.

The circulation the first year from November to June 1 was 841 v. and from the opening of this fall to date has been 550 v. Alice M. Henderson is librarian.

Finance and Administration

Minneapolis—As a result of the increased tax levy, the Central Library began opening full time on December 3rd, and branches are again open on Wednesday. The 42 hour week schedule and the last salary cut were restored. New branches were opened in the Ramsey and Folwell Junior High Schools on February 4th. Mrs. Van Konynenburg is librarian at Ramsey and Mrs. Scott of Folwell.

Buhl—The public library, which has operated on a part-time schedule for four months, is again open from 12:30 to 8:30 p. m., except Saturday when it opens at 10:00 a. m.

Duluth—A new station will be opened in the municipal building at Gary-New Duluth, taking the place of the station in International House and that formerly maintained at the Stowe school. The entrance will be remodeled using ERA workmen.

Brainerd—Owing to tax delinquency the library was facing the possibility of closing. The benefit puppet show put on by the American Legion Auxiliary raised \$150 which insured operation until the April apportionment is available. \$2700 has been appropriated by the council for next year. Non-resident families are now charged an annual fee of \$1.00, for which six books may be drawn at a time.

Northfield—The library tax rate has been increased from 1 mill to 1.4 mills to offset the shrinkage in valuation.

Owatonna—A charge of 5 cents is made for reservation of popular books. Each book will be charged for seven days when the borrower is notified of its availability, the fee to be paid when the book is called for. This plan is to insure a more speedy turnover of books for which there are long waiting lists.

St. Peter—A gratifying increase in the number of non-resident subscriptions is reported. The charge of \$1.00 a year, payable quarterly, entitles all members of the family to the use of books.

Sandstone—Owing to shortage of funds, a decrease in opening hours to three afternoons a week has been necessary.

Sauk Center—A date due charging system and registration of borrowers has been adopted. According to a recent resolution of the board, a fee of \$1.00 a year is charged to rural borrowers, instead of 10c a book as formerly.

Two Harbors—A proposal to increase the municipal tax levy for support of the public library from 2 to 3 mills will be voted upon at the city election, March 19.

Buildings and Improvements

Wadena—The public library was moved early in January to its new quarters in the Memorial auditorium adjoining the high school. The room is 45' x 25' on the ground floor, close to an outside entrance.

New Ulm—Interest in the erection of a library and museum in New Ulm, on the lot deeded to the city for this purpose is being promoted by all civic, service and social groups.

Austin—On completion of the new children's room in the basement, an open house in the nature of a rededication of the library was held. The founding of the library through the efforts of the Floral Club, and its development were reviewed with appreciation of the pioneers, the present library board and the city council.

The room is furnished in maple and knotted pine, and curtains and decorations add charm and color.

In addition to the furnishing of the children's room, a new roof was put on the building, new stacks placed in the former reference room, and the reference room transferred to the former children's room, an expenditure of \$4,000 for repairs and improvements in addition to the regular budget of \$7500 for maintenance.

Grand Meadow—The walls have been redecorated and three new bookcases have been built.

Lake City—A complete re-arrangement of furniture has resulted in enlarged floor space, the use of the fireplace, and better lighting facilities both for book shelves and reading tables.

Madison—Extensive repairs include plastering, decorating, refinishing of fixtures and furniture, overhauling the lighting system. The public rest room has been moved to the city hall, thus giving more storage room in the basement.

Owatonna—Electric light standards, purchased by gifts from the Steele County federation of women's clubs have been erected at the entrance of the public library.

As reported in another column, the libraries at **Fergus Falls**, **Mankato** and **Pipestone** have been redecorated by ERA workers, and shelving rebuilt at **Olivia**. At **Mankato**, the furniture, woodwork and floors were waxed and varnished, and the revolving door was replaced by regular doors, making a great improvement in the entrance.

Gifts

Chatfield—The public library received a bequest of \$1000 from Miss Etta Coe.

Crookston—The Women's club presented four books by Minnesota writers, as the initial contribution to a shelf in memory of the late Mrs. A. A. Miller.

Hibbing—Facsimiles of famous American documents have been presented to the North Hibbing library by the Hertzberg bindery of Des Moines, Ia. The documents are a reproduction of the original handwriting in looseleaf form, and suitable for framing.

International Falls—Hundreds of magazines were donated by citizens for the Happy Land Transient Camp at Littlefork and the Park Avenue Camp, Big Falls. An appeal was also made for magazines for use in County schools.

Owatonna—The public library is to receive a "set of art teaching equipment" from the Carnegie Corporation, consisting of approximately 1900 photographs and color prints, 20 original prints and about 170 books.

Other gifts of money or books are:

Canby—\$25 from the Drum and Bugle Corps, (now disbanded).

Mahnomen—\$10 from the American Legion Auxiliary

Ortonville—\$10 from the Civic Club for children's books.

Rochester—A collection of foundation books on genealogy from Miss Mary Folwell.

Taylors Falls—The TAYLORS FALLS JOURNAL for the past ten years from Mr. Amundson.

West Concord—\$5 from the American Legion Auxiliary as a Christmas gift.

Library Benefits include a carnival given by the Study Club at **Bagley**; a puppet show staged by the American Legion auxiliary at **Brainerd**; the movie, *Disraeli*, to raise money for magazine subscriptions at **Canby**; a bridge party at **Fulda**; a community service carnival put on by the Business and Professional Women's Club at **Owatonna**, for which the high school art class designed and executed a beautiful library booth; an entertainment by the Booklovers Club at **Paynesville**; and a ball given by the Lion's Club at **Sauk Rapids**.

Exhibits and Publicity

Duluth—Jane Morey, the new librarian, has addressed the Twentieth Century Club and the Zonta Club on "Outstanding Books of 1934."

Buhl—A collection of early printed books, between 1541 and 1640, was displayed in the library through the courtesy of Dr. A. C. Piepkorn of Chisholm. At the same time an exhibit of the various stages in modern bookmaking was shown.

Owatonna—Water color sketches of Mexico, by Edwin Ziegfeld and Ray Faulkner were exhibited in the library for a week in November. An annotated list of books in the library about Mexico was published in the OWATONNA JOURNAL-CHRONICLE TABLOID, where the librarian is given generous space each week.

South St. Paul—A series of free lectures includes a review of Recent plays in New York, by James Gray; a talk on Hitlerism, by Eloise Owen, recently returned from a year of study in Leipzig, and a reading of a new play by Mrs. Arthur Stewart.

LIBRARIES AND SERA

Miss Jessie Bloodworth, director, Women's Work for the State Emergency Relief Administration reports that February 1st there were 41 library projects in the state employing 485 women. Of these 139 were classified as librarians, 70 as clerical workers and 276 bookbinders.

In **North St. Paul**, opening hours have been increased through the aid of relief workers.

In **Yellow Medicine County**, several unemployed teachers have been employed as clerical helpers and librarians in the rural and semi-graded schools.

At **Gonvick**, a traveling library has been secured by the American Legion Auxiliary in cooperation with the SERA recreational leader.

Extension of library service has been carried on in **Itasca County** with the help of SERA workers.

Library buildings at **Fergus Falls**, **Mankato** and **Pipestone** have been redecorated with SERA help, and shelving has been rebuilt at **Olivia**.

Numerous improvements have been carried on in the **Minneapolis Public Library**, including a new fiction catalog and new lights over the catalog in the Reference Room.

NOTES FROM THE INSTITUTION LIBRARIES

At Ah-gwah-ching there is being added to the State Sanitorium for the Tuberculous a unit which will care exclusively for Indians. This is part of the Federal Building Program and will have quarters for a library.

A beginning has been made in a study of the possibility of remedial reading for a small group with specially marked reading disabilities at the State Training School for Boys at Red Wing. Miss Helen Witherspoon is in charge. In working out plans for this study a children's librarian, a school librarian, a psychiatrist, a member of the University Children's Institute and other institution librarians were called in for advice.

Twenty lithographs have recently been matted, framed and hung in the classrooms at the Men's Reformatory, St. Cloud. Most of these are Duluth scenes by Bill Norman done under the P. W. A. P.

The library at the St. Peter State Hospital has been entirely redecorated since Miss Jarpe's arrival and has now new curtains and a P. W. A. P. water color by Bob Brown.

In the December, 1934, number of the Quarterly published by the American Braille Press, Incorporated, there is an article on the Organization of the Work at the Minnesota School for the Blind by former superintendent, Mr. M. R. Vevle. Mr. Vevle not only mentions the library at the school as being one of the best equipped school libraries for the blind in the United States, but has included a picture of one corner of the library with Miss Heenan at her desk.

Miss Perrie Jones has been asked by M. Henri Lemaire of the Association des Bibliothecaires Francais to prepare a paper for the

session on Hospital Libraries at the International Congress at Madrid, May 20-29.

There will also be a meeting of Hospital Librarians at the International Hospital Conference in Rome, May 5-12.

Eleanor Brown, librarian at the School for the Deaf, has made a very simple adaptation of the *Merchant of Venice* to be used in the classes at the State School for the Deaf where we find vocabulary disabilities.

Miss Marie Rainey, Librarian at the Gillette Hospital for Crippled Children, during February gave two papers, one on the Therapeutic Value of Reading to a group of Junior and Senior Medical Students at the University, and the second before some 300 parents at the Harding School in St. Paul on Stimulating Children's Reading.

Miss Grace Gorvin is working on a Union Catalog of Institution Libraries at Headquarters. This is an SERA project.—

PERRIE JONES

SPRING FEVER IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

By Eleanor Herrmann

The Children's Room of the St. Paul Public Library is sprouting buds and flowers and even wings. The dreary winter weather made us strangely nostalgic for those first warm days when we sniff the air and smell wet earth and burning leaves. Gardening seemed to be the one thing we wanted to do more than anything else, especially since there were no mosquitos or hot sun to annoy us. Hence we initiated winter gardens. The credit for materials, construction and arrangement goes to a young architect who is still an interested patron of the Children's Room.

The first garden is a Hansel and Gretel forest scene, planted in a small oblong aquarium. It is completely enclosed by glass and, because the moisture cannot escape into the outside air, it needs never to be watered. Hansel and Gretel, eyes wide with surprise because they have just seen the witch's house and gingerbread boys, are standing in a forest of balsam, ferns, violets and mosses. The figures are an inch and a half high, are modeled after an illustration by Wanda Gag, and look nearly alive. A few young patrons of the Children's Room are convinced they do move—it is only a matter of catching them at it.

The second garden is less artistic, perhaps, but more unique. Balsam, grapefruit, hepaticas and a dozen other varieties of greens have been planted in a huge chemical bottle, two feet high. (The young shoots are dropped through the neck of the bottle.) To find a fresh green jungle growing within a bottle is really an amazing sight. It is one of those things one sees and still does not believe.

These small greenhouses have encouraged young people to do some theoretical gardening with books. A few insect enthusiasts have also developed, due to a mason wasp mud nest presented to the room by a patron who lives on a farm just outside the city limits. We are

expecting wasps to emerge from this nest within the next few weeks. Just now the wasps are in the pupa stage of development, and are lying in cells made of mud layers piled on top of each other. The mother wasp, according to Fabre, stores each cell with spiders, lays her egg and seals up the cell. When the egg hatches into a white larva it immediately begins to feed on the spiders until it has eaten every spider in the nest. A few remaining spider legs indicate that our worms are now well fed and on the road to maturity. At present they are wrapped in their cocoons, in the last, or

dormant stage. Some careful member of the staff, with a thought for the future, has put mosquito netting over the cells!

We may be a case discussed by Nancy Byrd Turner,

"You ask why Mary was called contrary?

Well, this is why, my dear:

She planted the most outlandish things

In her garden every year;"

but our young patrons regard our efforts with approving eyes, and even participate in our spring madness.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

THE READING OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS ON CURRENT TOPICS

By Lura Hutchinson

The first step any well-regulated educator takes when writing a paper apparently is to send out a questionnaire. Having ambitions in the direction of being a w. r. e., I started the study of the subject assigned me, **The reading of high school pupils on current topics**, by asking some questions. The first one questioned was a university freshman girl, still near enough high school days to remember them clearly. "Well," she said, "You see I was so busy what with band two nights a week and Girl Scouts one night and Girls' Club one night and something always the other night and I had to help at home sometimes, and then I had to study, that I never had time to read except for book reports. I did like all those except the Man from Maine." She stopped breathless at the very thought. The next subject was a freshman boy, an alert and quite ambitious young fellow taking his university work very seriously. "Well," he said, "You see I was so busy. There was always something going on and I had a paper route after school and when I got home I was tired and had lessons to get so there was no time." "But," he added hopefully and by way of extenuation, "My brother reads a lot. He doesn't have a paper route."

The third subject I didn't question because I saw him with my own eyes. He was reading Durant's Story of philosophy and chuckling to himself over Schopenhauer's animadversions on women. "That Schopenhauer," we heard him say, "certainly has the right idea." And a few minutes later he came rather sheepishly to the kitchen to ask his sister the meaning of a phrase which puzzled him.

But the questioning went a little further. I asked these recent graduate what proportion of their high school classes had finished formal education with high school and how many went on to college. I do not vouch for the exact accuracy of the figures but they are near enough to prove a point. The boy said he thought there were about 340 in his class and he imagined about a hundred of them went on to college. The other 240 were through and many of them would not be able to get jobs.

That conjured up another picture. How many of these 240 had been provided with an intellectual self-starter in their high school days so that when the period of being taught was over, the period of education might continue? How many of them had learned that there were helpful books along the lines that they might have to follow after they left school as well as supplementary reading for the subjects they had to take when they were in school? Had we in our drive to keep them out of mischief or well-occupied in a thousand and one extracurricular activities, deprived them of this essential bit of information? And that lead me to my last questioning. I asked a middle-aged man with whom I had discussed many current problems, what he read. His answer was almost like the refrain of the fairy stories. "Well," he said, "You see I'm pretty busy. I don't have much time to read." And then by way of explanation, "I don't get home till late and my wife hasn't been well so I do a good deal of the housework, and anyway reading has always been hard for me. But I read *LIBERTY* religiously every week and the daily paper if I have time at my place of business." A very little later he said rather tentatively, "Do you know what all this is about, the Supreme Court passing on the gold question? I have listened over the radio to Huey Long and Father Coughlin and they say it is just a dodge on the part of the rich to soak the government and make the poor man pay more taxes." Evidently in his early school career he had not learned to read easily nor to turn to books for the information he really wanted, so he was virgin ground for the demagogue.

If, therefore, I make any suggestions to high school librarians, it is with a full consciousness that the odds of time and occupation are very much against their successful execution, but also with that one boy in mind who did read, and with a vision of the social menace of 240 who are idle and not equipped with an intellectual self-starter. Certainly as librarians we ought to consider well how we can attempt to meet the situation.

The first essential undoubtedly, but this hardly need be said to this group of high school librarians, is to be intelligent and well-informed ourselves. The second step is to provide simple studies on current topics which might be dis-

*Given at the meeting of the Minneapolis High School Librarians, January 1935.

played on shelves or tables where students might find them, not being discouraged if the rush is not overwhelming or the use such as to wear them out speedily. If the young people see the titles and realize that information can be obtained in print on gold and inflation and unemployment, they may be inspired to look it up later when they come across these terms in *LIBERTY* or their daily paper. At least the library will have attempted to do its part against the tide of demagogues.

To serve this end a number of series of pamphlets have been issued this last two years, quite inexpensive and written for the very group of people whom I have discussed. Our own university, at the instigation of President Coffman to whose attention the need had been brought, publishes a series called the Day and Hour. The authors are professors at the university and the pamphlets are written simply and clearly on such subjects as Science and civilization, Children of the depression, etc. The Teachers' College, Columbia, through its Bureau of publications is giving a similar service in the National crisis series covering such topics as Debts, Government's relation to industry and railroads. The University of Chicago is publishing the Public policy pamphlets at 25c each on such subjects as the Devaluation of the dollar. The World peace foundation and the Foreign policy association have combined on the World affairs pamphlets. The American association of university women, 1634 I St. N. W., Washington, D. C., has several publications on such topics as money, credit, and banking. The Modern problems series published by the American educational press, 314 W. Superior St., Chicago, has a series of 22 pamphlets on such subjects as government cost, leisure and the like. The Leisure league of America at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y. gets out the Leisure league little books with such interesting titles as the **Care and feeding of hobby horses** by E. E. Calkins. For a more complete list one might turn to a publication of the Cleveland Public Library, Readers adviser office, called **Readable pamphlets on subjects of general interest**, to be obtained from the A. L. A. for five cents in stamps. Further pamphlets are listed from time to time in the Booklist.

A few books have come to my attention which might be used, too, with advantage. The first is A. F. Collins, **New world of science**, (Lippincott. 1934. \$2.50.) This is an explanation of many of the scientific wonders that were exhibited at the Century of progress and tells in simple, untechnical language, but in very effective terms, of such marvels as the electric eye that opened the garage door, of the magic of light waves, and of television. Even cosmic rays, those, to most of us, mysterious quantities over which, inexplicably, scientists are ready to fight to the finish, are explained in simple enough terms so that the layman may get an idea of why Dr. Compton is dashing to the ends of the earth, now on mountain tops, now in valleys, to support a variant theory. To students who visited the great fair it will be intensely interesting. To those who read such magazines as *Time* or the newspapers, it will have an appeal.

A. A. Milne's **Peace with honor** (Dutton. 1934. \$2.00.) is a humorously written but very

passionate plea for peace and against the stupidity of war. So many books of this kind are written in such deadly seriousness that this, with its constantly ironic and humorous attack on the absurdities of militaristic claims, is especially distinctive. Using dialogue, occasionally introducing fictitious characters, he points his arguments with barbs that cannot fail to stick. One student on hearing part of this read in class by the history teacher asked if he might not take it home to finish.

The new volume of Quennell's **History of everyday things in England** that has to do with the Rise of industrialism, 1733-1851 (Scribner. 1934.) is appropriate at the present time since many of the same problems that arose then are current now. Doubtless high school librarians know this series. Henry A. Wallace's **New frontiers** (Reynal & Hitchcock. 1934. \$2.00.) is a very simple, very clear, and very good-humored explanation of some of the things the New Deal is trying to accomplish. Since his name is constantly in the public eye, this book may have an appeal to the thoughtful students. Certainly it is one of the least dogmatic and provocative statements that has come out of Washington. Two small books on current questions are **Inflation** and **The Primer of money** by D. B. Woodward and M. A. Rose (McGraw. 1932. 1933.) These are as clear and untechnical a statement of these much discussed questions as can be found and I think could be read by the man whose mental stimulus was *LIBERTY* without too much effort.

Certainly books like these introduced to the 240 young people who are turned out to idleness and a world full of puzzling problems may help to check the wave of claptrap and easy panaceas which seems likely to overcome our civilization and plunge it into chaos. For one of the essentials of any solution is an informed and intelligent and thoughtful citizenry not content to rest on the teaching it once absorbed but with an interest in a life long education.

THE FREE READING PERIOD IN THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLERAINE

For the past two years we have had a period a week devoted to free reading for the seventh grade. The pupils come to the library as a class with their teacher during a regularly scheduled English period. Six hour periods a week are allotted for English. During this hour they are free to read anything that they wish. The only restriction is that it is not a period for study of other assignments, except as they use encyclopedias or do supplementary reading.

Though the work was in an experimental stage, an improvement in the pupils' reading was noticed by the end of the year. Comments were made by teachers of other subjects that the work in those classes had improved as a result of this collateral reading. The pupils were more alert to note references made to books in their other classes as well.

We feel that there have been other very valuable results, although these are difficult to measure. The pupils have acquired an enlarged vocabulary and a richer literary background

which we trust will be of permanent value. Many of our pupils come from homes with few, if any, books or periodicals so that all such interests and contacts must come through the work of the school. This free reading period has done much for them in the field of general culture.

This year we have changed it slightly. The pupils now receive marks on their library reading. It is a separate mark, however, and has no effect on their grade in English. A passing mark means that the child has read and reported on at least two books during a six weeks' period; five, which include at least three kinds, being required for an A. Charts are displayed on the bulletin board in the library on which are posted the authors and titles of the books read by each child during the period. Different colors designate the different types: green for science, blue for history, red for fiction, etc. Since the pupil must read books of more than one type to receive a grade higher than just passing, we have achieved the desired result of interesting them in many kinds of books. Frequent comments made to the English teacher such as; "I never knew that lives of people could be so interesting," indicate that these are real interests and not merely reading for a grade. The poorer pupils have done more reading as well, for they have become interested in books instead of spending their free reading period in looking at the comic section of the newspaper or the jokes in the bound volumes of the *Literary Digest*. There is no compulsion or urging, however, except that given by the mark on the report card. Much interest is shown in the charts, both by the members of the seventh grade and by the other classes. Posters listing various types of books are on the bulletin boards which help to create an interest and guide the reading of the pupil, to a certain extent.

The eighth grade pupils come to the library once a week during a study period. They are permitted to read or study. The grading of library reading has not been instituted in this class as yet, but perhaps we can extend it to it another year.

Above the eighth grade, pupils come to the library on passes from their study halls. We feel that if the opportunity to read freely is given to them in the seventh and eighth grades, they will develop enough love of reading to continue after the definite hour given to it is no longer included in their programs.

MABEL JACKMAN,
Librarian.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT

To the School Librarians of Minnesota:

Friday at five o'clock! There is something soothing about those words to every school librarian. At this moment there is a sound of the last steps retreating down the corridors. I find in the mail a request for a message to school librarians. I turn and survey the con-

fusion of the shelves after an onslaught by the entire eighth grade looking for William Cullen Bryant. But, more than likely, school librarians all over the state are feeling just as I do at this moment. Are you? I read in my "Librarian's Log" choice snatches revealing the high moment of the days. I soon find that my spirits are rising. I read the account of a child who very shyly told me what her non-English speaking father had said to her after his visit to the school library with the English students of an evening school class. She said: "Pa thinks our school library is a most lovely and kinda-restful-like place. And it sure is, Miss Hunt!" What a tribute from that old book-hungry soul as well as from his American-born daughter who showed clearly how overjoyed she was at being taken into the confidence of her foreign-born and usually uncommunicative parent on such a worthy subject as BOOKS and LIBRARIES! Then yesterday's highlight: an eager-faced child upon seeing the long line of pupils waiting with books to be charged came to my rescue, with this statement: "I'll help, Miss Hunt. I play 'librarian' all the time at home, so I know just how to do it." Forthwith she pounced upon the dater and commanded her contemporaries: "Step right this way, children, with your books, I will check them!" A feeling of deep gratification comes over me as I read of these contacts with vital young humans. I feel now, as never before, that surely we librarians are the fortunate participants in the enterprise of bringing books and children into a happy communion with each other. Surely we are fulfilling our mission in the school when we try in our way, each day, to establish true and enduring education by imbuing the minds of the children with new wonder, new joy and thereby new growth and development.

We have also attempted to widen, unobtrusively, and by insensible degrees, the reading range of our boys and girls to a subtler appreciation of more palatable and soul-satisfying books. We are just now compiling our findings on an investigation of reading interest that has continued over a long period. The proof of the pudding, of course, is in the eating; hence, we are most anxious to satisfy ourselves as to the soundness of our procedures used during the enchanting free-reading periods. I should be very pleased to receive from you, school librarians of this state, your results of similar investigations. To those interested I should be glad to send a copy of our plan when it is completed. We might, as a consequence, draw up in collaboration a more complete summary of experimental work as it is done in the school libraries of Minnesota; thereby, making us, as librarians, not only more conscious that young minds are constitutionally fertile to our seeds of suggestion, inspiration, and encouragement, but also more keenly conscious of the worlds that we have yet to conquer.

Ours is a work which no machine can do, a calling which demands men and women who possess a knowledge of human nature and who are receptive to each pupil's need—who realize that each child has a somewhat different outlook from any other—who are willing to take children as they are—to use the good in children and bear patiently with their faults—who,

above all, possess limitless energy and an endless amount of resourcesfulness, in order that the school libraries may meet the needs of all children who vary in mentality and capability.

SYLVA HUNT,
Junior High School Librarian,
Chisholm, Minnesota.

SCHOOL LIBRARY CLUBS

Minneapolis—

The School Librarians Club of Minneapolis, held its first dinner meeting of the year 1934-35 at the home of Margaret Greer, in October. Maud Hart Lovelace, who was the guest speaker, gave an interesting account of some of her experiences in writing her latest Minnesota novel, "One stayed at Welcome." She also autographed books for any who brought them.

The second meeting was held at the Hasty Tasty Restaurant at Lake and Hennepin. Gertrude Lawton Lippincott, one of the speakers from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, spoke on the problems of the Saar valley and their relationship to world peace.

In January, Miss Lura Hutchinson of the library school at the University, spoke on recent trends in reading and reviewed several outstanding books, among them A. A. Milne's, "Peace with honor." We met at the Chateau Cafe at 14th and 5th St. S. E.

Mr. Harold Kittleson, head of the book department at Powers, met with us in February at the Courtyard in the Rand Tower. He presented the salient points from the volume "Fear of books" by Holbrook Jackson. He also discussed several other titles among them Hilton's two books, "Lost paradise" and "Good-bye Mr. Chips," and Franz Werfel's, "Musa Dagh."

RUTH ERSTED,
President.

St. Paul—

The St. Paul School Librarians have held dinner meetings the second Monday of each month at the Women's City Club, with an average attendance of sixteen. Two members have been responsible for the program for each meeting, the first one being held October 8th.

Miss Harriet Wood, state supervisor of school libraries, reviewed for the group some of the discussions of the Minnesota Library Association meeting at Glenwood, especially the report of the Planning Committee of the American Library Association and the Legislative Objectives, such as maintaining high standards for school libraries and state certification of librarians.

The November meeting was omitted because of its proximity to the M. E. A. session.

On December 3rd, Mrs. Alice F. Tyler of the History Department of the University of Minnesota, presented to the group a most helpful bibliography of histories suitable for high school libraries with comments on each volume as to its real value. Her enthusiasm for her subject was transferred to her audience in her intimate accounts of a few of the books such as "Memoir of a cotton planter" by Susan Dabney Smedes (romance of slavery) or Fanny

Kemble's "Letters from a Georgia plantation" or Latane's "American foreign policy."

January 14th, Miss Helen K. Starr, librarian of the James J. Hill Reference Library, told the group of the work of her library. Primarily a specialized technical reference library, it has now developed its other collections in art, history and literature. By appointment teachers bring classes to the library, at which time rare books or pictures relating to their interests are shown and explained. After a brief talk, the group accompanied Miss Starr to her library, where she graciously showed them the new memorial exhibit case given by Mrs. Mary Hill in memory of her father and which is placed in the Hill room. She also showed some of the rare books of French prints, books on art, pottery, Russian ballet and many others.

Miss Lois Fawcett of the Minnesota Historical Library presented Minnesota writers, both popular and serious, to an interested group of librarians on February 11th. Informally, Miss Fawcett gave a talk similar to the one presented at the fall meeting of the Minnesota Library Association at Glenwood. She left with each one a most helpful bibliography on Minnesota material and a great desire to read some of these charming books, such as Jane G. Swisshelm's Crusader and feminist, or Invasion by Janet Lewis, or for the more serious minded, A history of taxation in Minnesota by Gladys C. Blakey.

ELSIE BAKER,
President.
CELESTINE KING,
Secretary.

MINNESOTA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE LIBRARIANS

The biennial meeting of Minnesota State Teachers College Librarians, being a group meeting in connection with the Minnesota Education Association, was held November 1st, 1934, at 3 P. M. in the Business Girls' club room at the Y. W. C. A. in Minneapolis. The following librarians were present: Bemidji—Margaret Nicholson and Eunice Speer; Duluth—Mary Ober; Mankato—Emma Wiecking and Phyllis Bentley; St. Cloud—Edith Grannis, Mamie Martin, Waunita Bell and Florence Dodd; Winona—Mildred Engstrom and Minnie Zimmerman.

The following resolution was offered in response to the general interest in and reaction to the School Libraries' sectional meeting, when a paper was presented by H. E. Hegstrom, Superintendent of the Red Wing State Training School for Boys, in which the discussion centered about work in the correctional institutions: "The Teachers College librarians wish to record their readiness to cooperate in any research studies on problem children either in college or elsewhere that may be helpful in formulating a preventive, rather than a correctional, approach to work with problem children. These librarians have especially in mind the recording of books read by such children as seem likely to become problem children." In the discussion mention was made also concerning the teacher's responsibility in this connection, the records of reading kept by student teachers and critic

teachers in Training departments, and a check of circulation in libraries as helpful in this study.

The chairman of the meeting suggested that it would be of decided benefit to have both the president and secretary from the same school. Mildred Engstrom of Winona was elected president, and Minnie Zimmerman of Winona secretary.

A round table discussion on the following subjects followed: Reserve book shelf; reserves for current books; faculty charges; student fines; fine money; variation in number and amount of book orders in various schools, variation in working hours in the different schools; balance in the book collection; faculty losses in laboratory; refund for books found; discipline.

MARY OBER,
Secretary.

THE SUMMER LIBRARY COURSE AT WINONA, 1934

An alert group of five made up the class: one without teaching experience, two from rural schools, one a first grade teacher in a village school, and one from a parochial school. The work was limited to classification, cataloging and school library administration. This course alternates with one in reference and book selection which was offered last summer.

The girls prepared notebooks, or manuals, containing typical cards, sample records and directions for various procedures.

Miss Anna Swenson of the Rural division, State department of education dropped in as we were discussing library instruction in the grades. We had been comparing the outline in the State curriculum with that in the A. L. A. yearbook and the question came up whether or not it were too difficult for first grade children to learn the title, author and illustrator of a book. She seemed interested to hear the first grade teacher say that she had done that with her children and with no difficulty and commented that so many are prone to underestimate the ability of small children to learn names and rather difficult words.

MILDRED L. ENGSTROM,
Librarian,
Winona Teachers College.

MOOSE LAKE SCHOOL LIBRARY

An Appeal for Books

To the Librarians:

At the time of the 1918 forest fire when Moose Lake was destroyed, the libraries over the state came to the aid of the school district.

Many books were received for the library as gifts—a kindness which has never been forgotten.

On the night of January 25th, 1935, the Moose Lake school building and all the contents, were again destroyed by fire.

Duplicates of books or any book suitable for school use will be greatly appreciated. Please send the books directly to the school.

NORA A. NILSEN.

PERIODICALS OF TIMELY INTEREST

Reading and the school library is a monthly magazine that fills a real need. It began publication in October, 1934. Problems, projects, programs and lists of appropriate books are included, of value to teacher, librarian, supervisor, principal and superintendent. Illustrations help to visualize the various suggestive articles. We hope that contests and other competitive schemes for high pressure interest may be kept in the background and that the development of individual taste and the sharing of pleasure in books and libraries may be kept in the foreground. (Eigers Building, 13th Street and Wabash Avenue, Chicago. \$1.00 per year.)

Subscription books bulletin continues to be of great value in the school library. The October issue contains reviews of Dictionaries. The January issue is devoted to Children's Encyclopedias.

Have you seen Mr. Ward's article on subscription books, N. E. A. JOURNAL February, 1935, p. 61?

Reprints may be secured from the American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The price is 25 for 65c, 50 for \$1.10, and 100 for \$1.85. The Library Division will have copies to be lent.

The Christian century is proving to be an excellent current events magazine in many of the schools.

PLANS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY ROOMS

A helpful pamphlet that school administrators and librarians will welcome is Lucile Fargo's "School library planning and equipment." American Library Association, 1935.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY LIST

A brief supplement to the School Library List will soon be sent out. In September a complete revision will be issued. Suggestions for inclusions or omissions are desired. Please send in some comments as soon as possible.

HARRIET A. WOOD.